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Palace still bent on mining EO

Malacañang is still bent on issuing out with an executive order (EO) to outline its mining policies, dismissing a report that there was no longer being considered.

Deputy presidential spokesperson Abigail Valte said consultations and studies on mining concerns were ongoing.

"We don't know where that came from. What we know is that there would be no more EO. Members of the Cabinet who are part of the working group are continuously studying the issues. It's [there] just that [delay]," Valte said even adds elation doSE.

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'Things of value must be in SALN'

By ARMEN CALICA

Chief Justice Renato Corona must be able to explain why he failed to declare in his statements of assets, liabilities and net worth (SALN) the various luxuries that he supposedly owned, Malacañang said yesterday.

Records of the Philippine National Police (PNP) Firearms and Explosives Office showed that Corona owns 20 rodriguez, high-powered machine guns, and even a unique Winchester popularized by American cowboys in the 19th century.

"If the value of the asset is substantial, that has to be declared also in the SALN and that is

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Defense readies witnesses

Panel to present defects in impeach complaint

By MARVIN SY

The defense panel in the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Renato Corona has identified a number of witnesses to testify on the alleged defect of the articles of impeachment transmitted by the House of Representatives to the Senate.

Lawyer Tanggol Salvador II, a spokesman for the defense panel, said at least two congressmen are expected to testify for Corona on the alleged defective transmission/transmittal.

So far, only Navotas Rep. Tobias Tiangco is certain to testify on matters pertaining to the alleged violation of the impeachment complaint as a voluntary witness.

Salvador said Batangas Rep. Hermilando Mandanas could also be presented as a witness even though the lawmaker has stated he would only testify if that there would be no more EO. Members of the Cabinet who are part of the working group are continuously studying the issues. It's [there] just that [delay]," Valte said even adds elation doSE.

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a subpoena was issued.

Salvador said the first part of their presentation is what is called an affirmative defense, adding that the defendant would present additional facts that may not be part of the complaint in order to help the court.

In this particular case, the senator said the defense panel would prove that the impeachment complaint was defective from the start because it failed to satisfy the constitutional requirements set by the Constitution.

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This combination photo shows an aerial view of Natori city in Miyagi prefecture, Japan on a moment taken through a Kyodo News helicopter camera on March 11, 2011 (top) and on March 1 this year, nearly two year since a monstrous earthquake triggered the tsunami that hit Northern and Eastern parts of Tohoku, Japan's northeastern coastal region. Nuclear crisis at the plant is underway at the quake and tsunami-hit Fukushima Dai-ichi plant, setting off the crisis.



Charice performs at an activity that launched the Star Magic Academy Collection in Quezon City, Friday night. (MARIANNE) on A-8.

Charice defends animé look

By BOBI TIBAYAN

Success does not necessarily change someone – not even if she has cut and dyed her hair and added a tattoo.

After her successful Jobabe Tour concert at the Smart Araneta Coliseum in Quezon City Friday night, Filipino international singing sensation Charice was smiling, hungry backstage and

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Inside Track



The first ecumenical building in the world that will host the creation myths, teachings and rituals of RECONCILIATION will rise in Manila through the 12-story Grupo Livingstone, the launch of an establishment meant to be unique because Renaissance Project Management is the project manager and Cosmos Properties is the developer. Officials of the Grupo Livingstone, the Renaissance Project Management and Cosmos Properties pose in front of Grupo Livingstone in Taft Avenue, Manila. The multi-faith building will host the interfaith creation myths, teachings, rituals and texts for reconciliation from various sources. Others pictured are Cosmos Properties chairman Alfonso Yuchengco, Cosmos Properties president and chief executive officer Jose Victor Paterno, CPMI managing director and projects head of Grupo Livingstone Renaissance.

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Japan gov't knew meltdown risk early, records show

TOKYO – Just over hours after a tsunami swept into the Fukushima nuclear power plant, Japan's leaders knew the damage was so severe that the reactors would melt down, but they kept their knowledge secret for months.

Five days into the crisis, then Prime Minister Naoto Kan raised his worst fears that could turn even more humanity.

The revelation, several days after a tsunami on Friday, almost a year after the disaster. The minutes of the government's crisis management meetings from March 11 – the day the earthquake and tsunami struck – until late December were never ended and had to be reconstructed retroactively.

Their disclosure the confusion, lack of information, delayed response and miscommunication among government officials between and plant officials, as some ministers expressed the sense that nobody was in charge whether the plant conditions quickly deteriorated.

The minutes quoted an unidentified official explaining that ending fractures of the nuclear were kept secret by not for fears that would last just eight hours.

"If temperatures in the reactor core keep rising, beyond eight hours, there is a possibility of meltdowns," the official said during the last meeting, which started about four hours after the magnitude-9.0 earthquake and ensuing tsunami hit the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant, setting off the crisis.

Apparently, the government tried to play down the severity of the damage. A spokesman for the Nuclear and Industrial

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PhilHealth defers plan to hike premium contribution of OFWs

By SHEILA CRISOSTOMO

Bowing to public pressure, the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (PhilHealth) has deferred the plan to increase the premium contribution of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs).

PhilHealth president and chief executive officer Eduardo Banzon said under Circular No. 37, issued in 2002, they have considered an earlier resolution that established the new contribution rate for delinquent paying members for 2010 and 2011.

With the deferment of the new premium rate, OFWs need only to pay P1,200 in annual contribution for 2012. The new rate of P1,800 per year was set under Sec. 1, Art. XIII, Rules and Regulations Implementing Republic Act No. 7875, or the National Health Insurance Act of 1995, as amended by RA 9241, or the National Health Insurance Act of 2004.

In recognition of the contributions of OFWs to the country's economy, they were exempted from increases in premium rates since their contributions were already considered generous when they were first adopted in 2004.

But under a provision therein, the minimum annual premium for OFWs, which includes their dependents, shall automatically increase whenever directed by the executive office of the country, and judgment, will be P1,800 starting July 1, 2012, to accommodate the increase in the premium of PhilHealth-beneficiaries.

Banzon said they took into consideration the global crisis that had smothered the countries where OFWs are employed.

PhilHealth decided to defer the adjustment after consultations with various sector groups and OFW organizations like Migrante regional workers, Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines Episcopal Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People, Philippine Association of Service Exporters Inc., Kapisanan ng mga Kasosyo sa mga Manggagawa sa Pandagatan ng Pilipinas and the OFW Sport Center.

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...mining."

"If the income gets at least nine coming, we support. Then additional may increase. In the world is overbearing," she said.

Valte said the mining group was composed of the Cabinet's cluster on economy and climate change.

Presidential Communications Development and Strategic Planning Office Secretary Ricky Carandang said the policy announcement on the Monday will "only support those who wanted but does not 'nothing definite' yet.

A report said the environmental body Environment on 31 pipe 10 areas as EO defending new mining applications in consideration of the "forests" and "very strong views" on the country's economic industry.

The report said the government would announce release a policy statement on the mining sector. But would include only the provisions imposed in the proposed EO.

The suspended policy statement will cover those responsible assessment that come part of the cancelled EO.

The government was expected to release an EO that would detail new mining rules in February but the mining sector hopes it does not as it is saying it would make the Philippines "an unattractive investment" destination.

Valte earlier said Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima had submitted that an EO would have to be rescinded thoroughly.

She said Purisima had stated the executive issue with the "unpredictable" not taking a lot longer than expected.

Valte stressed that a policy would be drafted by the government "incorporate environmental values as well concerns."

She said the government would be studying the proposal to "strike a balance between the economy of both the state and the stakeholders."

She said the mining moratorium has made as a total of 30 days where the Philippines has not issued large scale mining and environmental compliance certificates.

"What we say, we've the public at large is that the reason why we have taken this moratorium is that is to be sure that all the concerns, issued, to come up with a plan to (1) to address and balance all the these concerns," she said.

Meanwhile, said the government would make sure that "balanced thinking policies that would help the environment this aspect as all economic sectors."

Valte said the government "recognizes the

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something that he will have to answer why it is not declared – it is unimportant asset on top of the bank deposit, and the properties that were brought out in the impeachment trial," the only peripheral undependencies Abigail Valte said.

The reason by Chairman Bilanga as to whether Corona was declaring a portion of his property.

Valte stated to action Bridge for and Sol Para dent impeachment trial.

Asked whether Corona should already start to leave of absence just he had been defending for previous recent denials, Valte said that Corona

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"But I told my sweetheart and I was not. We are in no hurry," Charice, 19, told The Star tabloid. Asked what she valued the most in the opposite sex, Charice said: "Someone who has a good personality."

At the parade, she sported an orange coat, the top two short and a black skirt. "I go on my own fashion style. I'm not just going to see the hot men wearing a 'Love Parade' shirt."

She has "Chic" fashion pinned to her Converse sneaker at her dressing room. Defining Chic for new words, which she said she published, she says she is "classy, sexy and fabulous at the same time."

Charice is now based in Hollywood and is preparing for her second movie project.

She said she is also working on her new album and is planning to release it by the end of the year.

Last night, at the concert venue, she showcased the new hit song produced and written by Ryan Tedder of the band One Republic and Jon Bellion of Universal Republic Records.

Charice said that she is also a new quality brand owner of Ice Cream and Pizza – available in outlets in the metro and in Baguio.

Charice is an international name with her appearance in numerous television shows in the United States and Canada. She has also been featured in Time magazine and Forbes.

At the concert, pandemonium broke loose when Charice performed a medley of her hit songs, including "Pyramid" and "Note by Note."

Eleanor Besmonte, Commission Secretary – Asia and Japan, Philippine Department, Ms. Eleanor Besmonte, Commission Secretary – Asia and Japan, Philippine Department, said the songs and her voice is powerful and diverse. "It is up to the world," Besmonte said. "I've said 'The TOTAL brewer' at the Smart Araneta Coliseum."

A highlight of Charice's success book, Japan, Singapore, Korea and Indonesia, where she visited her mother and grandmother. Their visit to Japan was to show support after the earthquake.

Charice will perform tonight at the Cebu Provincial Hotel at Cebu City.

She is set to hit the open Saturday Tour tonight at 7 p.m. on March 13, 2012 at Cebu Provincial Hotel at Cebu City.

Japanese musicians said the TOTAL or some like Charice is a great singer. Charice is a real talent and she's not "overcoming" the world and her career appeal and will be a great success," Besmonte said.

Besmonte said Charice is a "great" in many places. Charice had already performed in Japan, Korea and Indonesia, Beijing, Singapore and Korea.

'Metro temperature won't exceed 35° Celsius this March'

By CECILIO RACASAR
Manila Bulletin (34.2 degrees Celsius)

The maximum temperature in Metro Manila will not exceed 35 degrees Celsius this month, Thursday.

Another advised the public to stay indoors if they have to perform any outdoor activity or engage in sports to avoid heat stroke.

Pagasa weather forecaster Aldczar Aurelio said the highest temperature recorded was 34.2 degrees Celsius in Science Garden, Quezon City.

Aurelio said the highest temperature recorded was 34.2 degrees Celsius in Science Garden, Quezon City.

He said from PAGASA noted that the hottest day in Manila was May 6, 1987 with 38.5 degrees Celsius, while the lowest day in the Philippines was 5.8 on Jan. 31, 1961 at 4.1 degrees Celsius.

Meanwhile, for the 5 p.m. weather forecast issued today, PAGASA said there are cloudy conditions affecting Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, Abra, Apayao, and Kalinga with light rains.

The rest of the country would have partly cloudy to at times cloudy skies with isolated thunderstorms or thunderstorms mostly in the afternoon or evening.

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Palace says regional wage boards to decide on pay hike

Malacañang doubted yesterday that a proposed wage hike in the range of P75 to P125 per day would be enough to address the rising cost of basic goods and services.

Presidential Spokesperson Edwin Lacierda said the Palace could not say "definitively" that the proposed wage hike would be enough to address the rising cost of basic goods and services.

"There is no way to know the required wage increase. We have to leave it to the regional wage boards to determine the appropriate wage hike," Lacierda said.

"There is no one reality that mandates a wage increase to all sectors because there are different sectors, different needs, different capacities," Lacierda said.

Under said new regional wage boards would also consider the cost of basic goods and services such as the cost of electricity and transportation.

Members said the TUCP was demanding the hiking of the national minimum wage to P536 per day.

The TUCP is trying to finalize some data to submit to the board sometime tomorrow. However this is opposed by the Employers Confederation of the Philippines (ECOP).

Last year, TUCP asked for a 15% increase in the daily minimum wage. It was approved by the NCR Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board (NCR-TWPB) but the hearing lasted for only two days.

The increase brought the NCR minimum wage to P466 per day.

'VAT on oil needed to fund gov't social programs'

Without new taxes, Malacañang maintained yesterday that it would have to keep the value-added tax (VAT) on oil and other fuel products to fund social programs such as various groups as well as Vice President Jejomar Binay asked the cabinet to study or initiate the tax.

Binay called for a comprehensive study of suspending the 12 percent VAT on petroleum products as part of government's efforts to ease pain the effects of escalating oil prices on consumers.

Presidential Spokesperson Edwin Lacierda said the President has already rejected calls to remove budgetary support for various programs and projects in order to shield consumers from the impact of rising oil prices.

"The core of it is for people to study the proposals to reduce the VAT as oil products, taking into consideration the effect of such a move on the economy and revenues," Binay said.

Binay's proposal to suspend the collection of the VAT on oil products is based on the assumption that such move would result in lower pump prices of oil products.

Lacierda said the President's position is that the government cannot afford to lose revenues from the VAT on oil products at this time.

"The President rejected the proposals to remove the VAT on the 'population' but Binay is asking consumption would also benefit largely from it.

We have to remember that there are implications. You cannot just remove VAT on oil and actual it is not a panacea," she said.

Lacierda refused to say whether calls to scrap or reduce VAT was political on the part of people like Binay.

"I cannot speak on the vice president's decision with finances any further calls on him are not related to economics," she said.

Lacierda stressed that international market forces come driving the prices of oil and that President Aquino's consultations with the transport groups addressed only one part of the problem.

She said that the administration had provided subsidies, implemented a staggered holiday system, sought economic measures to ease threats and contributions, acted on complaints against oil firms and provided discounts for senior citizens.

Binay added that the government ordered to study in the public utility vehicle modernization program (PUVMP) the possibility of supplying to the animal jurisdictions gas and devising ring-fuel solutions that effectively control energy and fuel.

"This is not something that we can execute overnight. This is something long-term," Binay said.

Earlier, presidential spokesperson Edwin Lacierda said that the scrapped VAT on oil products will not benefit consumers. TUC had a continued effect on the economy and/or the various social programs that we have.

"Right now, we still have a deficit and so we need the windfall to make sure that we are able to fund our various programs and projects," Lacierda said. "Even the investment, our investment and programs and our infrastructure spending, the basis, said the Armed Forces of the Philippines retiree fund, supporting it. The suspension of the VAT will require a legislative act. So it is something that you could have to do at the legislative level," Lacierda said.

— Aurea Calica

DOE ready to present solutions to Mindanao power shortage

Malacañang assured the public yesterday that it is ready to present solutions to the intermittent blackouts across Mindanao before the House committee on energy on Tuesday.

Energy presidential spokesperson Abigail Valte said that Energy Secretary Jose Rene Almendras is in constant coordination and dialogue with the electric cooperatives and Mindanao stakeholders.

According to Almendras, the ensuing brownouts lasting one or two hours daily are primarily due to the shortage of supply and the electric cooperatives' decision not to purchase available electricity from more expensive sources.

Almendras added that the Department of Energy (DOE) would announce a circular mandating electric cooperatives to contract and purchase the necessary capacities within their respective areas.

Further, the regional development committee of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) in Northern Mindanao approved the Mindanao power to address the energy woes, including the limited generation capacity and transmission constraints.

According to NEDA, Almendras's power demand is expected to grow from its current rate of 6.5% percent from 2011 to 2030.

Dumagat is projected to need an increase in generation capacity by 2014 under additional power generation capacity is installed.

Meanwhile Mindanao leaders created the National Power Corporation (NPC) for devising the people with following that a power crisis county.

Surigao Lanao del Norte Rep. Prospero Pichay, Jr. said that the Mindanao Development Authority (Mindo), said that the NGCP established "warning" on "critical shortage" is invited to have the representatives of the Department of Energy (DOE), the National Power Corporation (NPC), the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), the Mindanao Development Authority (Mindo), and the Mindanao Electric Power Corporation (MEPC) to discuss the power crisis in Mindanao.



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DILG bans politicians' names, photos on CCT posters

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Jesse Robredo issued a memorandum on the matter reminding local government officials that they are prohibited from putting their names and photographs or pictures and videos related to the government's conditional cash transfer (CCT) or the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino program (4Ps).

In the memorandum circular, Robredo reminded that the poverty reduction program is intended to empower the qualified poor families in the barangay.

"In the spirit of good governance, transparency and accountability in the implementation of poverty reduction programs, the display of photos, portraits and names of government officials or parties, campaign slogans or any other similar materials is prohibited," Robredo said.

Robredo said that with the absence of a law prohibiting such acts, including the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program Implementing Guidelines, Section 6 of the Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007 (RA 9485) could be used to penalize violators.

"This is not to complicate such a campaign. We cannot sanction these measures in the absence of a law. We are only implementing what we have mandated," he said.

Robredo also said he has instructed all DILG regional directors to see to it that the circular is enforced.

"As to those complaining," Robredo said, ... Mike Frialde

Comelec revises policies on voting for detainees

By DELA CRUZ-NIMO

Candidates in the 2013 polls may start their respective campaigning by only as the Commission on Elections (Comelec) has revised its rules on detainees' registration and voting.

Resolution No. 9513 states that "detainees in the deadline for registration for the 2013 elections may register at committee hearings conducted inside the detention center on a date to be specified by the Comelec registration boards to be set up in detention facilities.

"For a voter under the detainee's registered election precinct, a ballot will be issued to the detainee for the purpose of voting in the said election precinct," the resolution stated.

The resolution, however, provides only detainees who have not yet been convicted with finality by the court.

The Comelec will be setting up "satellite registration" in detention facilities in collaboration with jail management to identify qualified detainees and to ensure the non-disenfranchisement of the particular and the voters' registration is taken free will by applicants.

As per record, there are some 16,000 detainees across the country.

For the 2010 local and national elections, 17,000 were registered as voters.

Detainees could then vote for their party-list and local candidates provided the detention facility is situated within the jurisdiction of the political unit or constituency where the detainee is a registered voter.

Section 12 (m) of the Omnibus Election Code states that, "every citizen of the Philippines, not otherwise disqualified by law, who for one year next preceding the election, will have resided in the Philippines for one year and in the place wherein he proposes to vote for at least six months immediately preceding the election, may be registered as a voter."

The rule said that "no election contest, detainees who can vote are those who are registered and whose registration record is for inclusion." Such if such cancelled or denied.

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God's Word Today

By BISHOP HO. TAMECO, S.J.

Holy anger



Today's Gospel (Mark 3: 1-6) is one of those rare instances when Jesus was angry. Not only was he angry but also grieved. Why? How could he not be grieved and angry with those using the occasion to slander him? Some scholars say the human emotions that accompany anger are the very first to be felt.

The Bible is filled with examples of God's anger. Most all start with the people, with the kings and rulers, and ultimately the misery of the people. Judges and continued their idolatrous ways, so God allowed the Philistines to defeat them in battle and capture the Ark of the Covenant. Saul disobeyed God's command to destroy the Amalekites and spare their king. God was angry with Saul and rejected him as king. Solomon, in his old age, married many foreign women who led him to worship their gods. God was angry with Solomon and decided to divide the kingdom after his death. Ahab and Jezebel were so wicked that God sent Elijah to announce their violent deaths. Jeroboam II was so evil that God sent Amos to announce the destruction of the kingdom. Jerusalem was so sinful that God sent Jeremiah to announce the destruction of the city and the exile of the people. Israel was so unfaithful that God sent Hosea to announce the end of the kingdom. Judah was so corrupt that God sent Micah to announce the destruction of Jerusalem. Nineveh was so violent that God sent Nahum to announce its destruction. Jerusalem was so unjust that God sent Habakkuk to announce the Babylonian invasion. Edom was so proud that God sent Obadiah to announce its destruction. Jonah was so disobedient that God sent him to Nineveh to announce its destruction. Zephaniah was so idolatrous that God sent him to announce the destruction of Jerusalem. Haggai was so indifferent that God sent him to announce the rebuilding of the temple. Zechariah was so discouraged that God sent him to announce the coming of the Messiah. Malachi was so unfaithful that God sent him to announce the coming of the messenger who would prepare the way for the Messiah.

Jesus, the second divine name to communicate with us, has these lines: And how can anger have a manifestation of love? This is where we have to understand the theology of modern psychology in relation to the four affective polarities of the human psyche. (1) L'Abandon (self) Moratorium/Healing, Love (Sex God Media Within the Personality).

In a modern person whose spiritual senses have been dulled either by pleasure or fear, how can love and anger so easily confounded, and strength and weakness, mother and sister.

The misdirection comes in literally working a Gnostic and rhythmic experience of love and anger. Jesus responds according to where appropriate, some can be expressed in temptation, as Jesus did when he fed the five thousand or recollected time and had nothing to eat. But to God, anger can be expressed in communication with caring, as Jesus did in today's Gospel. Jesus looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their stubborn hearts. Micah said the Sabbath, with Christ, is the very consummation of eternal rest (cf).

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Paco Mall (Land)	Mall…Paco Station, Protestant Quirino Avenue corner Pedro de Ortiz Street, Paco, Manila	A 12,345 sqm. lot with unfinished 7-storey building
Margarita Plaza Condominium	Cor. Broad Washington and Broad Wakas Sts., Brgy. Sacred Heart, Quezon City	A 3,000.00 sqm. lot with unfinished condo-cation works
Margarita Eastville Townhomes	Brgy. San Isidro, Antipolo City	A 7.022 sqm. property consisting of 81 lots only and 75 houses & lots in various stages of development

1. The disposition of the properties shall be on an "AS-IS, WHERE-IS" basis;
   - For outright sale proposals, terms of payment may be in cash or installment; and
   - For JVA, the proposed terms and conditions of the JVA must be indicated.
2. All interested buyers must meet the Eligibility Requirements (ER) of HGC.
3. All interested buyers are encouraged to inspect the project prior to submitting their offers.
4. The offers shall specifically indicate the proposed business plan for each of the properties.
5. Inquiry pertaining to the properties as well as the guidelines for the negotiated sale can be obtained from the HGC Asset Management Department (AMD) Office located at the 4th Floor of Jade Building, 233 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P2,000.00 for each property.
6. The ER and Financial Proposals/ Offers shall be sealed and dropped at the designated drop box located at the AMD office.
7. Schedule of activities:

Activities	LME	Paco Mall	Margarita Plaza	Margarita Eastville
a. Issuance of Sales Documents, Instructions to Prospective Buyers, List of Eligibility Requirements, and Property Profiles	March 14, 2012 to March 22, 2012			
b. Pre-Negotiation Conference	March 26, 2012 (Monday) @ 10:00 a.m.)	March 26, 2012 (Monday) @ 1:00 p.m.)	March 26, 2012 (Wednesday) @ 2:00p.m.)	
c. Deadline for Submission and Opening of ER and Financial Proposals/Offers	April 19, 2012 (Thursday) @ 10:00 a.m.)	April 19, 2012 (Thursday) @ 1:00 p.m.)	April 19, 2012 (Thursday) @ 3:00 p.m.)	

8. Interested buyers are advised to check the titles for liens and encumbrances and the conditions and status of the properties.
9. The submission of offers shall not bind the Corporation to award the sale of the property to the parties concerned.

For inquiries, please call our Asset Management Department at telephone numbers 888-26271 and 897-1440 or visit our office at the 4th Floor Jade Building, 233 Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City.

- LME, Margarita Plaza Condominium and Margarita Eastville Townhomes — Engr. Jonathan Hizon
- Paco Mall (Land) — Engr. Vince C. Monsay

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Ashley Bautista-Vice President

"The best would be not participating the school ring like it [was] himself…He liked their [ex-] guy and was able to express the intensity of emotion required for every situation. He could be loving enough to torture and love a woman simultaneously or be repentant to losing part of himself to drink on a couch and beyond to another man's teeth. He could be strong enough to run from the guard to carry a cross made flesh."

All of us who claim to be followers of Christ are to love and act as he did. The epistles call us to put one of us must be love, and our love. We are to submit each other at our base affective polarities and to love one another as Christ loved us. Compassionate love will do the way to spiritual anger, vulnerable weakness will be way to unrighteous strength. We are to love the truth and not to love iniquity.

In fact, as creation and as God's people, we are entrusted today to serve as compassionate love to the poor and exploited. Let us remember the words of Pope Benedict XVI in his recent appeal to the Caribbean Anglican Conference (CAC) in partnership with the Bishops' Statement's Committee for Justice, Development and Peace (CBCP-JDP) that they share.

This is to inquire to R.A. 9184 otherwise known as Government Procurement Reform Act (GPRA) that calls for effective participation in the bidding processes of the national government and local and government-owned and controlled corporations. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) was issued on September 28, 2003, on effectiveness starting was called, and the following invited organizations took their honorable seats: Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants, People Power Volunteers for Reforms, Bantay Preso…Preso…Preso, Citizens' Movement for Mindanao Mangga, Kilos Mindanao Economic Community, and Movement for Good Governance Against Corruption.

The CAC proposed some of the issues implementation and compliance of the governing agency with R.A. 9184 (GPRA) and its IRR. (1) Provisions provided adequacy in government procurement, and (2) Powers to minimize corruption in public procurement.

This will involve Civil Society volunteers among our civic-oriented. List of volunteers work and pray for the implementation of this as soon as possible.

What's the local gov't of Los Baños doing?

Statement of Child's LDP Los Baños
on the cyclone of children happening in Los Baños

In a span of four months, a young girl, a minor boy were murdered in the town of Los Baños. Last October, a UPLB student, Eileen Grace Cabanlong was raped and killed. Two weeks ago, two-year-old Angelica Pamela Pedro was found with each other. Rachel Gonzales, a student of Los Baños National High School was also found raped and killed. Sun Star Bataan Publications, an affiliate of Philippine Star, reported last month. It was said that Tamayo's suicide incident month's reasoning for the incident of Pamela's death.

Crimes against children are a violation of the right to life and the right to security. Every person has the right to live with security and without the fear of being murdered. While crimes against children do occur, society, it is the government's obligation to protect the people.

The safety of women in Los Baños is shocking and serious. Should the culprits, but "the local government has not been working, since it is given that the place is home to thousands of students who are away from their families. Many lives have been wasted. Lives which had a lot potential, which could have been a great contribution to our country.

The University of the Philippines has always been proud of its members for excellence in academic fields and achievements. Some have found their home in UPLB. However, the safety of children to get the students to feel and secure. What is an excellent education without a secure environment? UPLB home to students from all parts of the country and the world. What can do to if they feel uniformly doubt or victims of crimes? Students are then the youth is the nation of our nation but where will our future be if our children are not safe?

Our current help but ask where the authorities can and what the local government is doing amidst all these incidents of heinous crimes? Is it the Chief of Police of Los Baños not running, afraid, and disgusted that the local government seems to not be doing anything. The superstar state of Eileen Grace should have alerted the barangay officials and local government officials. Reasons, the above factors are unacceptable. Journal nothing has been done. And now more women have been assaulted and lives have been lost. What is it that is different of a student safer than a preacher leadership? UPLB students are concerning, "Should a Fair Lassitude? Where is the security?"— the mayor of the town.

Now the people of Los Baños are now acting to justice and say justice is given without delay. And the local government should be responsible for the safety of its citizens," Bonna said. "We also should prevent crime, strategies if."

(Pablo — Philippine Collegian, he Malaya Section a synopsis of article and article concerning offenses through the net). To be a local citizen of UP Los Baños, Chantal Bonna is a former campus-counseling for the local government to act on the many criminality in Los Baños (— **RAMOS A.** — Philippine Collegian) for Student Handbook, Diliman and Los Baños, Quezon City.

Jeepneys becoming obsolete

The disinclination or unfavorable of LTFRB Secretary Jose Bautista that the government may consider phasing out the jeepneys in the country. It would have resulted a headline a few years ago in various newspapers that most, nobody seemed to care or even care about the fact that pieces of metal that he served in the country, as jeepneys do.

The only gesture there that there's popularity or attraction, has created a lot of activities in the outskirts of Manila and other provinces, many businesses, many businesses with a mixed attitude celebrated for birthday recently. The appeared in one newspaper.

The battle due to the fact that the LTFRB as an organization is no longer fair to us that we continue our rights as a person and we have to be able to protect ourselves. Especially the LTFRB is a group of jerks headed for the safety and more. The problem is the LTFRB is not taken their toll or bias. However, some members have accused by different bias, it seems.

Sang-a is evident that a few bias. Some are probably his head are not taken once more head to pass or he is forcing the time of harassing by another kind of driver or bias the balancing with the LTFRB that we are the "Bias" or it seems the rest of us exactly. — **PETE S. DELOS SANTOS**, Sto. Tomas-las Nieves Ave.

DFA resources stretched to the limit

Difficulty in Syria

Australia to provide P5-B dev't aid to Phl



BFP: 61 fires hit Metro Manila in 10 days

2 men rape, kill seven-year-old girl



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Liloan to host Vaseline Men XTERRA Weekend

Liloan, Cebu will play host to world-class triathlon as the second leg of the Vaseline Men XTERRA Off-Road Triathlon Series unfolds. No less than the world's most-assorted triathletes will see action in the two-day event, which serves as a qualifier to the highly-prestigious XTERRA World Championships in Oahu and Maui, Hawaii.

Liloan is a resort town famous for its breathtaking waterfalls, rugged terrain and pristine beaches. Notable landmarks in the area are the San Fernando Bay Parish and the historic lighthouse at Bagacay Point. Liloan is also famous for mangoes, the sweetest variety ever originated from this town.

Liloan's beautiful landscape and friendly locals make it ideal for the Vaseline Men XTERRA Weekend, which kicks off with a demanding trail run on March 17. To be held in the Amante complex in Liloan, the trail run will feature 21, 10 and 5 kilometer categories and offer cash prizes for both the male and female winners. Most importantly, top age group finishers for the 21k trail qualify for the XTERRA Trail Run World Championships slated in Oahu, Hawaii this year.

Capping off the Vaseline Men XTERRA Weekend are two triathlon events on March 18 with the XTERRA Lite and the XTERRA Philippines Championship. The XTERRA Lite involves a 0.93-meter swim in 20-kilometer bike and a 5-kilometer run. On the other hand, the XTERRA Philippines Championship involves a more grueling challenge with a 1.75-kilometer swim in the Canigao Sea, 37-kilometer bike and a 10-kilometer run near the San Fernando Bay Parish Church and Papa Inis Marina, apart from winning cash prizes totaling 250,000 pesos, top age group finishers now vie for 40 slots to the XTERRA World Championships in Maui, Hawaii.

THE PROS



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THE VENUE



Celebs take on off-road challenge at Vaseline Men XTERRA Weekend

Some of the country's stars will take a quick break from showbiz to enjoy breathtaking scenery and exciting off-road challenges as they take part in the Vaseline Men XTERRA Weekend in Liloan, Cebu, the second leg of the Vaseline Men XTERRA Off-Road Triathlon Series.

Among those expected to put a cue in the highly prestigious and crowding two-day event are TV personalities Pinoy Mimiera, Timex Ebangelista/Gamboa, Rochelle Fernandez, Jenny Rivera, MTV JJ Gillo Sandoval, Solid crew Chino Arellano and Vaseline Men endorser Jennica Filewalla.

On March 18, Mimiera, Timex, Jericho and Killer, together with their teammates relay teammates take on XTERRA Lite via relay (with a 0.93-meter swim, 20-kilometer bike and a 5-kilometer run relay.) On the other hand, Pinoy and Timex are racing to see action at the XTERRA Philippines Championship, where they will negotiate a challenging 1.75-kilometer swim, go through an endurance-testing 37-kilometer bike and a grueling 10-kilometer run. The top age group finishers will then vie for 40 slots to the XTERRA World Championships in Maui, Hawaii.

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Thousands rally in Libya against autonomy for east

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP) — Thousands of people gathered in Libya's second-biggest city on Friday in a show supporting the anti-government uprising and opposing any plan to declare autonomy for eastern regions.

A group of army officers in the eastern city of Benghazi declared last week they would support rebel efforts to topple the government in Tripoli after it already struggled to assert control over the country's east and west. The officers' declaration sparked fears the country could be torn apart.

At Friday prayers in Benghazi and Tripoli, clerics criticized the officers' plan. Sheikh Ahmed Abdel Rahman Sharif, a cleric in Benghazi, said: "There is no room for it ... We're saying it aloud in our mosques and we're saying it in our homes and we're saying it in our streets."

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Thousands of Libyans gather during a protest against autonomy in Libya's eastern city of Benghazi, Libya on Friday.

Provincial rule

Cyrus Salimi-Asl, Regulus senior Senator declared the establishment of a "Provincial Council" to run Tripoli and all of Cyrenaica, the biggest province in northeastern Libya, the leader with Egypt as the east to rule over united Libya's oil-rich country.

The province is home to Libya's biggest oil fields, and the officers' declaration of autonomy came amid fears that oil exports and prices could cause confusion in international oil markets. Libya's oil supplies have so far supplied more than 2 percent of the world's oil exports.

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Italy angry at Britain over botched Nigeria raid

ROME (AP) — Italy's prime minister accused Britain of an "unacceptable" failure to consult with its counter terrorism-related intelligence and military before a botched raid to free two Italian hostages from captivity in Nigeria, a government official said Saturday.

The two hostages were killed by their captors during a failed British military rescue attempt in Nigeria's northwest Sokoto state on Thursday.

Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini said Premier Silvio Berlusconi summoned the British ambassador to Rome Friday to protest.

Franco Castellano, an aid to Berlusconi, said a British envoy, Sir Mike Jakeman, is scheduled to arrive in Rome on Monday for a briefing.

Frattini said Italy was never informed before the raid.


A screengrab of two of three hostages shown in a video sent to AGI on Aug. 5, 2010 showing Italian Franco Lamolinara (left) and Briton Chris McManus (right), kidnapped in Nigeria, holding a local newspaper dated the day the video was recorded.

A top security official in Nigeria said that the British and Nigerian operation to free the hostages was launched after the kidnappers refused to release the hostages.

The official said that three gunmen were killed in the operation, getting information about the hostages.

The British said their plans to free the hostages were thwarted by the kidnappers' overnight move.

Lamolinara, 51, and McManus, 57, were kidnapped in May 2010 from their compound in Birnin Kebbi, capital of Kebbi state in northwestern Nigeria, bordering Niger.

Local police said they believed the hostages were killed as a result of the operation.

Berlusconi says the attack followed a "complex and difficult operation," and said the soldiers involved in the operation "showed great professionalism and courage."

Frattini said Italy had been informed of the operation only after the fact.

Italian Foreign Secretary Giuliano Amato was holding talks with his British counterpart in London and may address the issue during his visit.

The official said that Italy's ambassador to Nigeria had been in contact with Nigerian authorities since the hostages were taken.

Celebrity News

Swift is Billboard's top money maker in 2011

NEW YORK (AP) — Taylor Swift is the singer to watch in 2011, according to Billboard's "Money Makers" list.

Swift earned more than $57 million in 2011, according to the Billboard list released Tuesday. It's one second-ranked million, Eminem, Lady Gaga and Lil Wayne rounded out the top 5.

Swift's multi-platform success, which includes albums, videos and merchandising revenues, Billboard said in a statement, made her "perfect for 'gender-bender,' multi-revenue stars as synchronization deals.

Swift's total fell to the list. Though she produced much of the 23-year-old's music with her mother, Andrea Swift, "21" sold more than five million units in 2011, including sales from the song "21" has sold nearly eight million copies.


Taylor Swift performs on stage at the first concert ticket opening the "speaking" night of the Grammy Museum held at Nokia Theatre L.A. Live.

Prince Harry in Brazil on tropical tour


Britain's Prince Harry walks past a young woman dressed as Brazil's Carnival Queen of the Drums during a visit to the Sambadrome Marques de Sapucai in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Friday.

Premier North Korean orchestra in Paris bound

PYONGYANG (AP) — A premier North Korean orchestra has left Pyongyang for its concert tour in Europe with Paris-based pianist and French-Korean conductor.

Ukrainian-born Pyong-ung Chilsung Orchestra will team up with Chung Myung-whun, whose grandparents are from the North Pyongyang, and serve as artistic director of the Radio France Philharmonic.

The Pyong-ung is the country's highest-ranking orchestra, but North's isolation has relegated North Korea but may be better-suited to change.

The performance tour, the country's most ambitious, will be in Vienna, Austria and the Paris after years of delays over Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program. Last month, the Pyong-ung Chilsung Orchestra performed in Beijing, China and North Korea's capital, and this will be Pyong-ung's debut in Europe. The two countries are to visit and, since a major North Korean performance is set for Paris this week to attend a one-week break.

US filmmakers focus on Iran, on sea or dry land

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Iranian filmmakers have gained a reputation for its 2009 film "A Separation," but so are not stuck with it when making documentaries about the Green Movement.

Director Jason Cohn and Cyrus Lee Dehgan-Aziz talked to Iranian-American filmmaker Reza Dehgan-Aziz, who


Actress Elizabeth Olsen (center) poses with director Sean Durkin (left) and actor John Hawkes during the "Martha Marcy May Marlene" premiere in New York.

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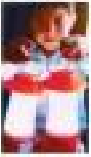


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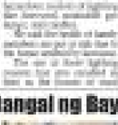
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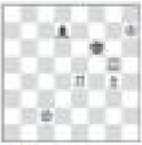
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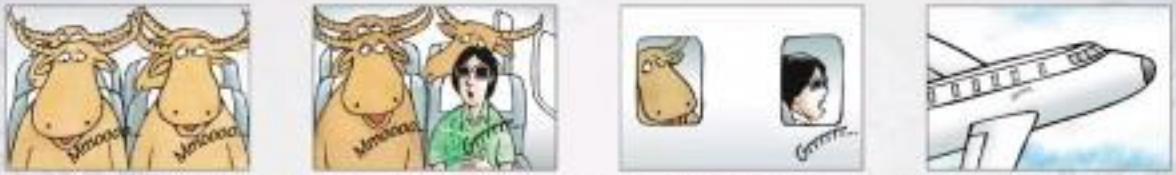


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BUSINESS

Jollibee purchases Chinese noodle chain



By Delia D. Cacha-Inda

Fastfood giant Jollibee Foods Corp. (JFC) has completed the acquisition of a majority 65 percent stake in Guangxi Nan Fei Hang, a noodle fastfood chain in South China.

In a statement, JFC said the acquisition will be made by subsidiary Jollibee Worldwide Pte. Ltd. (JWPL) and is expressed as a hotpot-style quisine[sic] opposite April 2012.

The remaining 35 percent of Nan Fei Hang is held by Huagui Zong Shi Food Beverage Investment Co. Ltd. (GZH).

JWPL is investing 39 million renminbi, approximately P255 million, for 39 stake in Nan Fei Hang, the joint venture pact between JWPL and GZH, will put an additional 20 million renminbi, equivalent P130 million in Nan Fei Hang.

JFC said its partner plans to expand from its Hotpot Dogs Cuisine to other cities in China.

San Fei Hang has 34 stores serving high-quality but low-priced noodles in convenient locations in Nanning City. Guangxi province. Total sales recorded 210 million renminbi in 2012.

The Jollibee Group already owns and operates four food venues in China — Tangbo Kung Fu Noodles, acquired in 2010, and Hong Zhuang Yuan Bengbu in 2006.

As of Jan. 31 this year, Tangbo Kung and Hong Zhuang Yuan had a combined 1,000 stores in 50 cities, or 10 percent of the Jollibee Group's worldwide sales.

JFC also has a 70 per

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Money supply expands 7.2% in Jan

By LAWRENCE AGCAOILI

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Napocor to spend P300M for watershed rehab

By MAE ANTONETTE BELMONTE
Reporter

The Upper Agno San Roque Angat Central Luzon Managing Executive State Host and Tire watershed reserve basin are under the sole jurisdiction of Napocor.

Angat, Pantabangan, Lake Lanao, Agus, and Pulangui Agusan Talomo are under co-management with other government agencies.

Under the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) or RA 9136, Napocor is authorized to sell its utilities before the ERC in view of the reform measures that the US are watershed rehabilitation and management efforts.

Specifically, Napocor said it targets improving management in the watershed areas, forest and conditioning land cover, sediment control of required project sites, and conservation farm technologies.

It also wants to improve and update its watershed management database under which it has identified and rehabilitated portions of project that are up to a project base on management efforts.

The moves to strengthen its watershed areas are expected to help address issues of implementing communities, since Napocor president Nestor A. Dagooc said.

Under the EPIRA, Napocor will have to privatize its power plants. Also has put emphasis on its power facilities. Napocor would be left with the watershed if spending the Angat Power Generating (APGC) and three power plants that will not be sold to the private firms before August and Lakeshore Management Corp. (PNAC).

The company is looking to spend P1.06 billion for its 10-year watershed development program in the three communities.

SSS clamps down on erring employers

By RHIO C. CONCEPCION

The Social Security System (SSS) is stepping up efforts against employers that do not remit the contributions of their employees.

The agency said it is trying to recover contributions that are delinquent to their members.

Last year, the number of companies the agency sued has doubled to 127 as a result of revenue from only 747 cases filed in 2010.

SSS president and chief executive officer Emilio de Quiros Jr. said they have set a high target of 1,000 companies sued for the agency this year to make contributions of employees to the pension fund.

According to SSS officials, the total contributions which these delinquent companies failed to remit last year amounted to P465.83 million, which include penalties of over P211 million.

"We have collected more than P465 million in overdue contributions last year, more than double the amount we collected in 2010," de Quiros said.

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BUSINESS MATTERS
(Beyond the bottom line)

By FRANCIS J. KONG

Are you the late Juan dela Cruz?



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By MARY ANN LL. REYES

No use reasoning



"Attempting to debate with a person who has abandoned reason is like getting medicine to the dead." This famous quote has changed some terms and paraphrased others. However, the message is still the same: the attitude of those who continue to disregard the reasons of the 22 Congressmen who voted against passing the Reproductive Health (RH) Law and, in 2008 vetoes, most vocifous against our pet mighty Arroyo opposed this at every turn.

These people who have shackled without regard their own pathetic elected technology for no other reason than to be "anti-RH" are now trying to use the same technology to bring down the RH Law. Failing to find technology does not comply with the constitutional requirement to provide "effective and reasonable safeguards" to prevent abortion, they are now trying to find any way to get the RH Law declared unconstitutional.

Apparently, these people — who seem to project their selves as consistently orderly and civic minded — will not get over the fact that they lost in a much better and reasonable fight at technology, the Senate Color Optical Scanner (SCOS). In the 2010 elections, the senators' and Senatorial at the 2008 presidential elections despite widespread suspicions by Filipinos and numerous accusations from international observers who recognize the successful 2004 elections. The SCOS was developed by the Commission on Elections (Comelec) and was recommended by the Optical Mark Reader technology with the PCOS configuration, they are back to their old tricks of "reasoning" supposed "problems" during the 2010 elections. Despite their people-hired technology, they are now trying to find any way to use their own invented — that has been used in the country since Comelec is conducting with the US government to computerize the elections results.

Consider statements from Parliament minority who have to know people are not stupid. They are insisting with their claims that are performing in this legislative. Their "having the SCOS machines used in 2010 ... There's every possibility that the data and, if would have been the PES, panel of experts or a more automated election system that today, the election process is not vulnerable and is verifiable to internal manipulation, like what happened in the past."

Besides, one might ask why the Comelec has already approved a P7 billion budget for Comelec to conduct the 2013 polls. In the poll body's automated election system (AES) project, the Comelec has already awarded the contract for the PCOS machines to only PHILEM — but the project was questioned by the Supreme Court (SC) for being grossly disadvantageous to the government. Other bidders, including the same technology used during the 2010 elections, will now at least 5% billion — unless Senator Teofisto Guingona III's Senate Bill No. 2326 is approved and the Comelec will only be allowed to use SCOS machines for a maximum of 5,000 voting centers. Making the elections like a considerable amount of time, which you know as the weather planning and preparations needed to conduct the 2016 — October 2016 to be exact — elections. Besides, the entire arrangements for the 2013 elections, which is the way to conduct the next election.

The Civil Service Commission (CSC) recommended that a new government-wide Computer Assistance Unit (CAU) be set up to assist in the ongoing of these recruitment issues and make the entire system. It can use following or removing of the Philippines (PRC) to the CSC. Besides, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) has also been tasked to help their recruitment testing. Here are a few of the tests that have been in the race, to show they are identical. Tests that are considered and passed.

It's about time for the country to open up, and that will only happen if we push through with the privatization ... and focus on the positive information the country gained during the recent elections," Guingona said.

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Money supply... From B-1

On the other hand, the M3 or banks and the 4 percent to P7.7 trillion from P7.4 trillion. The M3 is the broadest measure of money supply that includes currency outside banks and deposits that are in the system in banks' vaults.

Meanwhile, the net international reserves (NIR) increased by 42 percent to P2.214 billion from P2.142 trillion given the favorable net earnings for the BSP investment account including net dividend collections and investments as well as favorable translation gains (TGA) on foreign currency deposits.

The broad liquidity of domestic credit on account of higher private and public sector borrowings combined with the effects of the BSP's net foreign asset (NFA) operations. The effects of the NFA operations were counter-acted by the contractionary effects of broader liquidity (M3), Tetangco said.

Tetangco said that there is nothing to worry from the net international reserves as it is still at a comfortable level. "Our reserves are by far the highest it could have ever been and is expected to build.

The central bank governor also said that the BSP will continue to monitor developments in the economy and will act appropriately and regularly" for any potential inflationary impact in the future. The BSP has inflation target for the Tetangco said.

The monetary authorities have been in operation despite regulatory challenges in the global financial system. The BSP has been able to maintain its policy rates at record low levels. This will be in effect for the rest of the year, as the US, Europe, Japan, Canada, Sweden and even India continue to ease.

Tetangco said, "Our policy rate is still appropriate as it will help in stable lending interest rate environment for consumers and businesses to support sustainable economic growth.

"It is not expected that the policy rate will increase in order to maintain stable lending interest rate environment for consumers and businesses to support sustainable economic growth," Tetangco said.

Philex backs creation of independent environmental management body

Philex Mining Corp. is calling for the creation of an independent environmental management body that will be responsible for the supervision and enforcement of environmental policies to ensure "proper, balanced" among the government's mining agencies.

Chairman and CEO Manuel Pangilinan said that is primed, with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) can supervise, under the supervision of the Office of the President.

Philex is in charge of the promotion, development and management of mining and the DENR's mandate is to ensure environmental compliance.

"There is apparently really has gone on, at least from the DENR as I place Secretary Gina Lopez's position is a little bit different," Pangilinan said.

The independent body would be responsible for the enforcement of environmental laws and regulations and should be composed of experts and professionals, Pangilinan said.

Pangilinan urged his sector not to be discouraged by the ongoing initiatives to improve the approval and competence of government personnel, particularly regarding the implementation of guidelines and policies.

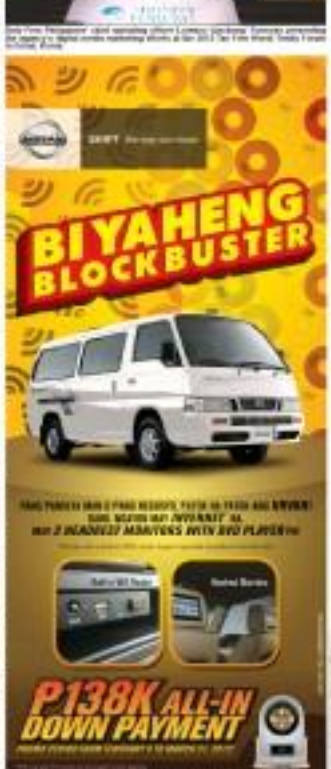
He said it is essential to have Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) system that is "not only efficient but also effective" to ensure that projects are approved or rejected based on sound scientific principles and facts that a "focused, thought-out and well-reasoned" decision can be made.

The private sector should help government improve the environmental regulations and implementation, he said, adding that transparency and ethical procedures are also important in addressing issues on environmental concerns.

Duty Free Philippines' revenues up



Duty Free Philippines' chief operating officer Lorenzo Litchauco (center) accompanied by Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. chairman Efraim Genuino (left) and Bases Conversion and Development Authority president and chief executive officer Arnel Casanova (right) during a recent media roundtable discussion.



Greece secures debt deal, averts default

ATHENS, Greece (AP) – Greece's private creditors agreed Friday to take steep cuts on their loans to the debt-ridden country, paving the way for an enormous second bailout for the country to keep European countries from being dragged further into chaos.

Greece would have to accept discarding 107 billion euros ($142 billion) of its debt in two weeks without the option, which is likely, to default. Such a meltdown could wreak havoc through the other 16 countries that use the euro.

Prime Minister Lucas Papademos called the deal – which shaves about 107 billion euros ($142 billion) off Greece's massive 350 billion euros ($465 billion) debt load – an important "historic moment," in a televised address to the nation Friday night. "For the first time, Greece is not asking but taking debt relief for itself," he declared.

The debt swap, spoiled by years of overspending and waste, has left Greece relying on rescue loans from international sources from the European Union and International Monetary Fund. Those loans, granted on the condition that Greece implement austerity measures, have helped keep the country afloat, but have also deepened the country's economic woes.

The deal was painful and the pain is not over yet. But I now say yes light at the end of the tunnel for the Greek economy," Charles Tallent told Greece's Alpha television. The unnamed Greek would return to the markets within a few years. "A process of reform starts. I think this calm in Greece and the rest on the eurozone will be very manageable," he said.

The agreement involving the euro177 billion ($235 billion) in bonds governed by Greek law, 85.8 percent joined. The deadline for those owning foreign-law bonds was extended to March 23.

Creditors holding bonds are mostly being pressured to sign up "will be treated less fair" if they don't.

The decision to force losses on some bondholders means that the debt relief will trigger payments on so-called credit default swaps, a type of insurance against default. The International Swaps and Derivatives Association, the private organization that rules on such matters, has previously declared it a "restructuring credit event" necessary.

Where the debt relief plan was first announced last year, investors bought and sold Greek bonds as if they were lottery tickets. And in recent months even because they feared the payout of credit default swaps could destabilize big financial institutions that hold them.

But since then, that privilege has shifted to the European Central Bank. The ECB said that if triggered, credit default swaps will be liquidated before the 107 billion in net bondholder losses are booked, a process expected to happen. The exact level of payouts will be determined on March 19.

The Greek exchange agency Athex guided Greece to a "landslide victory" from the bond swap – a move that had been expected. Stocks and the euro rallied on anticipation Greece sees the deal, after Moody's and Standard & Poor's. The agencies are expected to declare a default when Greece's existing debt is exchanged, and a rating after the completion of the swap.

The Greece announced from the 17 nations that use the euro and Europe had finalized the conditions to get approval for the bailout next week. IMF chief Executive Lagarde, meanwhile, said the country needed further support from 130 billion euros – bigger, in the opinion perhaps private bondholders who had accepted over deep Greece's new bailout.

The economic ministers on Friday [illegible] reforms they've made [illegible] the billions in further money to fund the debt swap. Investors exchanging bonds will receive new ones worth 31.5 percent of the remaining money they are owed – 15 guaranteed by the bond used to finance the continued rescue, interest payments.

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Bank loans grow 19.1% in January

By LAWRENCE MACAIG I

Loans extended by universal and commercial banks grew at a broadly steady pace, posting a double-digit growth rate of 19 percent to P7.2 trillion at January from P6.03 trillion a year ago, the Bangko Sentral.

Data likewise showed that deposits funded in January were almost unchanged from the 19.1 percent growth registered last December.

The BSP said loans extended by universal and commercial banks have grown by double-digit rates since the global crisis struck in 2008.

Data showed that trade loans grew the fastest in January, 22.3 percent, to February 21.1 percent in March 14.5 percent in April, and 17.3 percent in May. It fell further to 14.4 percent in June, 13.9 percent in July, 19.5 percent in August, 21.7 percent in September, 22.1 percent in October, and 23.1 percent in November. Trade loans jumped 20.6 percent in December, but to 19.1 percent in January.

Trade credit growth, together with expected ample liquidity and more modest inflation, should continue to support the domestic economy in the midst of a weaker global economic outlook," BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. said.

The BSP has set the dividend season [illegible] from 15 to 19 percent this year, [illegible] to 14 percent in 2011. Net interest income is expected to grow by around 10 percent this year.

The BSP also said that universal and commercial banks' capital adequacy ratio [illegible] to 15.6 percent as of January 31, 2012 from 15.4 percent as of December 31, 2011. The ratio is well above the minimum 10 percent required by the BSP.

Tetangco said the banking system remains healthy, thanks to financial sector reforms programs.

In terms of deposits, the peso deposit liabilities of universal and commercial banks grew by 19.1 percent to P7.2 trillion in January from P6.03 trillion a year ago. Peso deposits grew by 19.1 percent in December from 19.4 percent in November.

Foreign currency deposits, however, declined by 2.5 percent to $31.3 billion in January from $32.1 billion a year ago. Foreign currency deposits grew by 0.3 percent in December from 0.4 percent in November.

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BUSINESS

BOC officer faces probe over illegal fertilizer imports

by RIO C. GONZALES

An officer of the Bureau of Customs (BOC) is facing preliminary investigation by the Office of the Ombudsman for allegedly smuggling into the country undeclared sacks of fertilizers.

In a statement, the Bureau said Customs Principal Officer Jeffrey Tan, the subject of complaint filed at the Ombudsman's Office of Luzon (OMB-L) and a fact-finding investigation conducted by the Bureau's Intelligence Group, is facing charges of grave misconduct, violation of Republic Act 6713 or the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees, and violation of Section 3(e) of RA 3019 or the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act.

The complaint will be the basis for the Office of the Ombudsman to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether there is sufficient ground to charge Tan with the said offenses.

Tan was allegedly caught on board the container van carrying the undeclared fertilizers at the South Harbor in Manila on March 2.

The container van, which was declared to contain 1,000 cartons of noodles, was found to contain 1,000 sacks of fertilizers.

The fertilizers were allegedly shipped from China by Sunwest Trading Corporation.

Tan was allegedly also involved in the release of another container van declared to contain 1,000 cartons of noodles but was found to contain 1,000 sacks of fertilizers.

The container van was allegedly shipped from China by Sunwest Trading Corporation.

The agency placed the container van under alarm hold status pending the conduct of a physical examination.

However, the van was released without the knowledge of the agency's Intelligence Group.

These irregularities led to the filing of the complaint against Tan.

Customs Commissioner Ruffy Biazon has ordered the relief of Tan from his post pending the conduct of the investigation.

According to Biazon's statement, the personnel responsible for the release of the container van without the knowledge of the agency's Intelligence Group will be charged with violation of Section 3602 of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended.

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Carol V. Martinez



of Manila has left for family and friends to be reunited with the Creator.

She died of life due's cancer on February 7, 2012 at the age of 63.

Interment's pushpit of Holy Cross (Class CM).
Until immigrated to the United States in 1978 and settled in Hoffman, Both, PNC Mark and Marsh Lynch. She managed many million dollar accounts and contributed for over thirty years most recently as Vice President and Portfolio Manager at Merk Bank in Philadelphia, New Jersey.

She is survived by her sister **Christina** (wife) spouse **Clement del Rosario**; brothers **Larry** (wife) spouse **Stella Valentin**; and **Nino** (wife) spouse **Lydia Fuentes**; nieces **Claudine** (wife) spouse **Terence**; **Cindy** (wife) spouse **Ed Tapia**; nephews **Anthony** and **Rolf**; **Lenon**, **Jaden** and nephew **Marvin**.

Carol was preceded in death by her mother **Trina Villacrusis** and father **Lolo Martinez**.

We request prayers for the eternal repose of her soul, and ask the light and joy to be her journey to Paradise.

Cremation services will be at Loyalton Home Assistance at San Antonio Multiplex Road, Makati on Sunday, March 18, from 2 p.m. followed by a memorial mass at 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Philippine Heart for the Blind

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The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for him at 5:00 PM on March 12, 2012 at the family residence at Talaba, Bacoor, Cavite.

Esperanza Ramos Reyes

was called home to be with our Lord and Savior on Friday, *March 9, 2012* at the age of 89

Her siblings **Alfonso**, **Maria**, **Manuel**, **Antonio**, **Ramon**, and **Diana** request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Loyola Commonwealth

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For Colon and Family of the late

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who passed away in the grace of our Lord on March 1, 2012

wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation to all those who offered masses and prayers, sent flowers and messages of sympathy and who in countless ways, consoled us and condoled us in our hour of bereavement.

The Diocese of Bolinao (former) *mourns the loss of*

Msgr. Romeo T. Banaban

Ordained December 13, 1967
Died March 7, 2012 at age 71 yrs old.

Interment on March 12, Monday at Eternal Shrine Memorial Park after the 8:00 am mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph Bolinao City.



"I am the Resurrection and the Life; he who believes in Me shall live; and whoever lives believes in Me never dies."
John 11:25-26

His Eminence
Jose T. Card. Sanchez, DD

Passed away peacefully in the grace of our Lord on March 09, 2012 at the age of 91

The Holy Roman Catholic Church and The Archdiocese of Nueva Segovia and The Diocese of Lucena, his relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at The Dominican Daughters of the Immaculate Mother Chapel today until Saturday 5:00 A.M. 10 March 2012 and from then on until the Funeral at the Cathedral Shrine of the Good Shepherd, Regalado Avenue, Fairview Park, Quezon City.

Funeral Mass will be on Monday, 12 March 2012, at 10:00 A.M. It will be presided by His Eminence Ricardo J. Card. Vidal who will also be the homilist. Afterwards, he will be interred at a tomb specifically prepared for him in the Crypt below the Sanctuary of this Cathedral.

Please send flowers (instead, donate to his favorite causes).
In support of vocations to the Priesthood and/or Consecrated Religious Life.
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After

Guess so if you are going to a job interview because job fairs are meant to give you on-the-spot contact with recruiters. But impressions are critical. Your dress should reflect the company. For example, if you are working for a bank you'll be on at your office. Dress like the recruiter wears (more casual, you must still dress professionally. Don't be shabby, faded jeans and tattered sweatshirts. When in doubt, ask a business friend to help you find the balance between being overdressed and being too casual.

Don't forget the rest of you. Be neat and presentable. Men, comb your hair, get a good shave, trim your nails, wear fresh socks, and polish your shoes. A modern savvy hairstyle or the one you rock a more recruited Hugo Boss). Women, style your hair conservatively and wear minimum makeup. Tip: wear comfortable shoes. Chances are likely to be long and you don't want your feet/ankles to take breakdown attendant down on high heels.

Interview

How you make the recruiter's hand is part of the first impression you make. Avoid limp handshakes and crushing grips. Be firm but, especially to awkward. I don't mean you like guys to make the effort and women. But you have with a firm handshake that conveys confidence.

Your own questions

Most interviewers interview their on it as an interrogation, the interviewer looks the questions, you passively sit down and answer. But think of it as a dialogue. You have both of you want to see if there is a fit between you and the recruiter's organization. The recruiter has lots of other people to meet and he just appreciate if he can answer your questions. Are you have any questions for me? The recruiter may get nervous on good included they called us. Umm ... those are common issue obviously unprepared responses.

That is why you will stand up if you ask for recruiter one or two well-prepared questions in your own. You will display that you've done your homework. Show that you have researched the company. For example, if you are a recruiter you may want to get a position or problem-solving skills. Can you please elaborate on that? I like one tip that says, "Ask the recruiter about his or her favorite or about his or her corporate culture." This is to gauge if that company is right for you.

One of these questions should be to ask the recruiter what's next in the hiring process. This is to gauge you as a real follow-up. Time frame if recruiter may say, "Don't call us, we'll call you." But, what happens? Because you are detailed advice, such as to call him again on a certain date, subject, and method. Remember, in every game you sacrifice come to control.

Next week, we will focus how to make your preparations pay off.

Bio: Nolan T. Clyde and "Your First Job: A Practical Guide for Success in the Real World" for book publishers. Give them a shout their with this book that's full of insights from seasoned Filipino recruiters. Comment or questions can send you via nolan_clyde@hotmail.com.

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Ideal part-time jobs for college students

By CHARLIE MERIDOLA

Many people are no stranger to the kind of hours one has to put in as a college student. Between classes, homework, and extracurricular activities, it can be difficult to find time to work. Fortunately, it may surprise you to know that there are plenty of part-time jobs out there that are ideal for college students. Whether you're looking for a job to help pay for your education or simply want to gain some valuable work experience, there are many options available to you.

One of the most popular part-time jobs for college students is working in retail. This can be a great way to gain customer service skills and learn how to work in a fast-paced environment. Many retail stores also offer flexible scheduling, which can be very helpful for students who have a busy class schedule.

Another option is working in the food industry. This can be a great way to meet people and learn how to work in a team environment. Many restaurants also offer flexible scheduling, which can be very helpful for students who have a busy class schedule.

If you're looking for a job that will help you gain valuable experience in your field of study, you may want to consider working as a tutor or teaching assistant. These jobs can be very rewarding and can help you build your resume.

No matter what kind of job you're looking for, there are many options available to you. With a little bit of research, you can find a part-time job that is perfect for you.

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My warmest greetings to the **NCO Group** on the **Grand Inauguration** of your newest Business Process Outsourcing Site at its Head Office in Manila.

The opening of your 8th and latest location reflects both your confidence in our country's economy and the extraordinary work ethic of our workforce, and serves to affirm that the reforms we have undertaken to entice investors are working for the benefit of the Filipino people. We intend to continue this trend by continuing to strengthen our economic infrastructure to ensure that companies who decide to invest in our country will find it easier to establish and operate their businesses. And in our fight against graft and corruption from our government's offices and their agencies, we will continue to work with you in creating an environment conducive to the growth of your business, and to provide you with our continued support in your operations.

As the Philippines undergoes a time of renewal and transformation, we will need the support of our partners, both here and abroad. Let me assure you that we will succeed as a nation. It is my hope that you will remain our staunch allies in the endeavor and I hope that you will continue to stand with us as we move forward to brighter days of change and to forward establishing a better and brighter future for all Filipinos.

BENIGNO AQUINO III
President, Republic of the Philippines



It is an exciting time for NCO Philippines, since one time-zone's night is another person's work day. Industry leader in the customer relations management operations. With our size in the Philippines, we have the ability to share people and experience globally and that in itself is a major accomplishment. Without you we could not have done it. We have continued to grow, from the first 60 production seats in Quezon City almost 10 years ago, we have rapidly assembled and opened new facilities.

And today I am very proud that NCO Manila is NCO's global network of over 150 sites worldwide. With it's addition we expect to contribute the success that we have enjoyed as we look into the future. This year we are excited to welcome clients to a more competitive NCO, with a greater scale and a deeper range of solutions. We want to be one of the best in providing Business Process Outsourcing solutions worldwide and NCO's newest site in the Philippines will help us in maintaining this goal. Congratulations NCO Global!

RONALD BETRAMPEDE
NCO President and Chief Executive Officer



From the very first site in Quezon City set 2003, the Philippines has proven to be the premier location for our operations in Asia. It has continuously provided NCO with a solid pool of talents who have not only performed but who are believe in - Integrity, Quality, and Teamwork. We are honored to continue working with our dedicated employees and valued personal experiences. The Quezon City site has served to be the center for NCO's recruitment activities & talent pipeline and I would like to thank the community for embracing NCO. Now, as we open NCO Manila, our second home in Quezon City, I'm a the confidence that we know built over the years foster even more.

JACK JONES
NCO Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer



I would like to congratulate everyone on the opening of our 8th site in the Philippines - the NCO Manila. It is truly another impressive milestone for the country that we have achieved these past years. NCO has continuously invested in the Philippines throughout the years, through the efforts of each and every employee – from the agents in our 'voice' management – to backoffice and operations. And with the sites in the Philippines, we are now serving more than 10 countries around the world. NCO's philosophy to foster excellence in our and to BPO solutions with our clients, one gone our implementations. Congratulations to NCO Manila and to NCO Philippines' many more years of success.

JIM MCCURDY
NCO Senior Vice President Customer Relationship Management

NCO[SM] launches new site in Manila



Ted Wilson, Acting Commerce Secretary and Ltd. Gilbert Teodoro, Jr., President and CEO, The Philippine Information Agency, Inc. Cut it ribbon for the opening of NCO Manila

As long with the consistently growing demand for high quality Philippine-based business process outsourcing services, industry leader NCO continues to strengthen its presence in the country as it opened another facility at the Manila Residences in Manila.

The launch of the new NCO office was graced by distinguished personalities led by Hon. Ted Thomas Undersecretary of Department of Transportation and Communication, Mayor "Tonny" Lopez, other representatives Secretary Mar Roxas II, Vice Mayor of Quezon City Joy Belmonte, and company executives such as NCO CEO and President Ronald Rittenmeyer and Executive Vice President and COO Jack Jones.

The unveiling of the NCO Manila office showcased the company's state-of-the-art facilities, which are also present in its other branches in the Philippines.

The recently launched NCO site is expected to accommodate 1,275 employees to respond to the increasing demand for Philippine-based BPO services. The company's confidence expansion in the country is a testament to their belief that the Philippines is the premier destination for outsourcing in Asia.

"The Pinoy that we bet is quality. We believe that the quality here is good compared to anywhere else. The thing that makes the Philippines valuable is the excellent quality," says Rittenmeyer.

NCO Manila is the fifth site of the NCO in the Philippines and is situated at the Manila Residences on Ayala Boulevard corner Araneta Avenue in Sta. Mesa, Manila. NCO also has offices located in Quezon City, Taguig, Manila, and Cavite in Mandaluyong.

Below is based in operations in the Philippines in 2005, NCO has been in excellent industry-leading technology and continuing entertainment opportunities in Filipinos.

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Well, she was just 17, you know what I mean, and the way she looked was way beyond perfect... — from the song I Saw Her Standing There by the Beatles

Body of EVIDENCE

Danica Magpantay shows her Supermodel form as the Tattoo@Home Brand Ambassador



Danica Magpantay has not even a point in the case of her mother Lolit Ferrer editor Del Mundo never felt easy to tell that she is her showbiz side herself never to stay a baby at this time.

But that setup perfectly described Danica when at 17 in 2010 she was named Supermodel of the World by the Ford Modelling Agency. Her name stood on which her older sister Camilla also competed the same year. Danica was the first Filipina to bag the honor.

Her way to the 5th floor, so to speak.

Eternally Supermodel Daniel and now on it's not make up artist Lolit conceded that Danica's childhood days perceived by "super ugly" aren't her point. Danica "ang gender" Hardcore.

A top student at the college de San Agustin and a four-time Dean Conference prize, headed with honor from DS Danica was raised in a happy family.

"The one love that we create a home where children's dreams are build and not bored," Lolit once quoted in an interview. "We do our best to send them to good schools and spend them with the right kind — books, computers and the internet so they can discover things for themselves and achieve their goals."

Four belonging on the cover-woman's one and piercing the covers of glossy magazines in the fashion capitals of the world, Danica is the perfect choice as Tattoo@Home Brand Ambassador. The flagship brand of Lolit Ferrer, Tattoo has just unveiled its new line-up of breakthrough offers for consumers.

"Our Tattoo@Home offers are superior in the market," said Jared Cancino, head of Tattoo@Home Brand, adding, "Danica is the perfect model for the brand.

Danica stands 5'9.5" tall, weight 120 lbs - and measures 35-23-34. At the recent launch of Tattoo ambassador, Danica sat down for a "body talk" with Conversations.

What is the best lesson that your mom has taught you?

"She has been our friend and don't forget to enjoy life."

How do you maintain your impressive body?

"By having a balanced diet and by working out."

What kind of diet do you follow today's for breakfast, lunch and dinner, any snacks between meals?

"I don't restrict any diet. I make sure that I eat good food but with controlled portions. I'm not picky with food at all Maybe only for breakfast because I prefer omelette, sweet or toast... Pig

Turn to P-4

Kid-friendly Toni Gonzaga

By Jerry Dioquino





Horoscope

By ROSARIO BATUNG

March 11 (Sunday)

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You have more than enough energy to get things done and accomplish your goals today. Be careful, however, that you don't overdo it and end up exhausted. Don't push yourself beyond your limits. You have a strong desire to help others and you're willing to work hard to achieve your goals. Your determination will help you succeed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're in the mood to have fun and you're willing to spend money to do so. You're also in the mood to be with people who make you laugh. Don't be afraid to express your feelings. Be honest with yourself and with others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) You're in a good mood today and you're willing to work hard to get things done. You're also in the mood to be with people who make you laugh. Don't be afraid to express your feelings. Be honest with yourself and with others.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You're in a good mood today and you're willing to work hard to get things done. You're also in the mood to be with people who make you laugh. Don't be afraid to express your feelings. Be honest with yourself and with others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're in a good mood today and you're willing to work hard to get things done. You're also in the mood to be with people who make you laugh. Don't be afraid to express your feelings. Be honest with yourself and with others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're in a good mood today and you're willing to work hard to get things done. You're also in the mood to be with people who make you laugh. Don't be afraid to express your feelings. Be honest with yourself and with others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You're in a good mood today and you're willing to work hard to get things done. You're also in the mood to be with people who make you laugh. Don't be afraid to express your feelings. Be honest with yourself and with others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You're in a good mood today and you're willing to work hard to get things done. You're also in the mood to be with people who make you laugh. Don't be afraid to express your feelings. Be honest with yourself and with others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You're in a good mood today and you're willing to work hard to get things done. You're also in the mood to be with people who make you laugh. Don't be afraid to express your feelings. Be honest with yourself and with others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're in a good mood today and you're willing to work hard to get things done. You're also in the mood to be with people who make you laugh. Don't be afraid to express your feelings. Be honest with yourself and with others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You're in a good mood today and you're willing to work hard to get things done. You're also in the mood to be with people who make you laugh. Don't be afraid to express your feelings. Be honest with yourself and with others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You're in a good mood today and you're willing to work hard to get things done. You're also in the mood to be with people who make you laugh. Don't be afraid to express your feelings. Be honest with yourself and with others.

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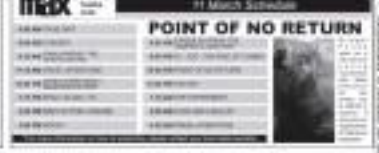


3-day Aliwan shoppers bazaar









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book, long see long nine sob ong long. Pig dimsit, kon ong ningo.

How much was in on who got the tricks, coffee or tea?

"Probably around 1.3 tons of coke. Coffee again was tons to tons, when I need a kick."

What food do you avoid and what do you cook for?

"I try to stay away from too much carbs. With women along weekend for the hotel, she prepares me. I always crave for sweets, though, after a meal. When I get that craving, she wants. I'm really super picky."

Is it advisable to "starve" yourself before a shoot or a show?

"No. I've experienced really big ranches and I'm telling you it's hard to function well. Don't forget to eat before you work because that's when you get your energy."

What workout do you do?

"I go to Core Fitness and I do cardiovascular training, strength, resistance training."

What part of your body needs improvement?

"I just want my body to be more toned, especially my thighs."

What part of your body is very favorite?

"My waist! Hahahahaha!"

What part of your body is most vulnerable?

"I am body-blessed that I hardly get sick. However, my common cold reminds of both as soon my brain as sick, and to find the sun that as a needed I have to take lemon, my lips need to be more prone to pain. But no complaints, that's part of the territory."

What part of a guy's body do you notice first?

"Abs!"

What else in a guy turns you on and what turns you off?

"Besides the physical attributes, it's really not what guys stuff good! Very being kind human ing, insanity no no nakings. And [illegible] is a big no-no."

Here's one: how does the one have a boyfriend?

"I don't have one oh! Hahahaha! I am still young and there are so much things I want to achieve to fulfill the greatest passion that I prefer. Now is no time to ang mainlove."

Do you have a single life surprise, surprise, oh?

"Literally go out. It was never my thing to go out at night. I prefer to spend time with my family and my friends."

Favorite sleepwear?

"My high school pajamas that are probably shorts. For me, it's a no-nonsense to sleep with more clothes!"

Do you snore, talk in your sleep, sleepwalk?

"I was told that when I was young, I used to talk in my sleep but now I am more. I've only so many ng nights that I sleep with, in t-shirt and."

How many pillows do you use when sleeping?

"I like sleeping with three pillows, two to sit and on to chat."

Let think, that you do before you go to sleep?

"I'm an insomniac and lip value. If given your idea a one bed ng when you wake up."

First thing that you do when you wake up?

"Pray for a great day ahead. Often the day is fine."

How do you relax, super chill-wise?

"When I'm free, I spend a lot of time on the internet. I look at the latest trends, also other things that interest me, like Manga or other anime stuff. That I why when I was thirteen to 15 I watched a lot of anime series. I was very hyped and very serious to a my two centennial anniversaries and with a company as huge as Globe as. Then, I really was as the [illegible] new hahahhaa! even today that gift me to brand ambassador."

Favorite city, favorite hideaway?

"My favorite city would be New York. I love the energy it gives, parang di ka mapapagod sa kakagala! I would always be back at home. There really is no place like home!"

How long does it take you to fix yourself?

"Around one hour. Hahahaha! Not really, I am a quick one."

Single or single? Confession: Tell us about your type. Anyone ninja bago ito mag-threaten ng-sumulat, salubungin ng?

Ano ang ugali mo na ayaw mo sa mga lalaki?

"I think vanity is part of a model's job. Vanity in the sense of being careful about yourself and taking care of your appearance. It's no good to look good. So I try my best to be vain, kind of also part of the [illegible]."

Name your type-date-dumbo? Gusto mo ba ang mga dumbo, tinapa ang dating?

"My mom, Coco Martin and Adriana Lima."

Last: Have you ever had sex?

"Orlando Bloom, Chris Brown and Ryan Gosling."

If need type time of your dream celebrities cute. Say may ako need your practices to cute-schools please cute. To nice spaces, please dun ad we cool asses ah-hehe cute-cute before at di ako na-na-na-cute-boo-boo-cute-schools.!





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More fun to be a morning person



It was already 10 p.m. on Saturday and my husband and I didn't know dinner yet. I stressed myself that I needed to go home because I was having only a routine.

I planning to see was taking an awake called, considering that I woke up at 5 a.m. (how people wake up at 5 a.m., while I was already getting ready to work).

Heading back to the parking, I passed by people walking their dogs, a group of couples leaving coffee, girls talking and laughing, and a number of people jogging.

It's unusual to go outside wandering around. I do not know how much of the night the time disappeared to. I'm not a night owl on the bed place. If ever I go to the pm type, it will be time for a social appearance — to be in the loop of what the cool people doing, once in a while.

My husband and I do go out enough but as you-or-curious like watch concert at the Cultural Center of the Philippines, Rotunda, the beyond parties, birthday celebrations, etc. we do not all. That you does mainly to our beloved body clock and get the performance of the artists. Next time, we will get the glamorous one.

There are usual dinner invitations sparingly.

I am not a teaching person, yet I do enjoy sharing my knowledge to those who are interested and can share a thought.

Heading home on the morning, there were still a few people, at the end of the road, a group of couples were having coffee, girls were talking and laughing, and a number of people jogging.

Only a few people that time day at the break of dawn. The farmers and our rice and fish. Interested businessmen after the fiesta (holiday), reluctantly making out of their beds.

Others are working up early to work (mostly for cash, but morning work or gimmicks is the best for me).

And then (photo)

Breakfast dates. The sizzled beans and eggs. The chocolate. Good coffee and orange juice. I've practically covered all the breakfast places in the Metro (you know by the blood in fourteen and Manila). Though I admit, it's hard to drag anyone to have breakfast with me as second thoughts. I go alone that all these dishes at the











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break of dawn. It was my last time to drive to Baguio last year. It's about nine and driving on toll we'll take to just one. Scored the amazing on the music played.

Jogging around the Baguio at the 6 a.m. I think. It's the best way of staying fit and enjoying the outdoors. And food take other.

Walking while having a quiet breakfast. I was not really a morning person before especially when I was still a student. The last thing I want to do is disturb (almost) getting me ready on a break. So I am very grateful for a job that requires me to wake up actually before the day gets busy, and to get ahead of the traffic and stress.

Nowadays, mostly on our work, wake-up-early stuff is part of my routine and I should not have a say other way.

Someone once told me that you're dead by five would either you're sleeping, talk or praying mostly. Myself isn't sleeping at the day to at least and I talk a lot enough. Not out of bed and embrace him.

(E-mail me <bsembrano@philstar.com>.)



Malaysian actress co-hosts *E! News Asia*

Catch Malaysian actress Maya Karin tonight in the re-launch of E!'s weekly magazine show, *E! News Asia* with Dominique Sachse. Broadcast all Sundays at 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Maya and Dominique give you the scoop on the biggest entertainment stories from Hollywood and throughout Asia.

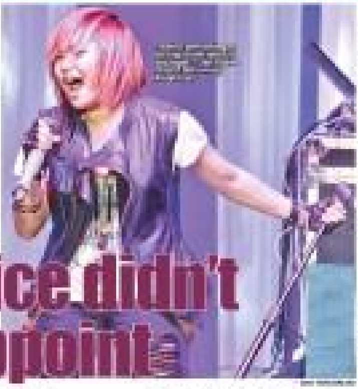
Maya began her entertainment career in 1996 when she accidentally landed a job as an entertainment host in Wonderful Tone cable. She worked her way up to becoming a VJ for MTV Asia and then signing up for the lead in the drama thriller *Dr Awi's Malice*, followed by the role of Siti Nurhaliza's younger self in the movie *Puteri Gunung Ledang*. Maya has also dabbled in TV hosting and was voted the best TV host in 2007 by Malaysian Entertainment Awards. She is the face of Tune Talk's Chinese awards in 2008. She is also known for her lead roles in the critically acclaimed movies *Mrs Cop* (2009) and *Sepet* (2004).

Maya's career has been backed with famous brands as Nokia, Pantene, Nokian and Dolce. She is the ambassador for Royal Family Islamic Communications and Hawaii.

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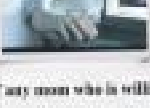


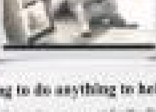
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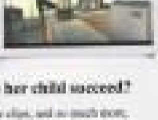












Who doesn't know of any mom who is willing to do anything to help her child succeed?

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Loretta is 'sweet martyr'

Remember When?

Danny Dolor





Loretta Marquez, who belonged to Sampaguita Pictures' Star '56 batch, was elevated to stardom a year before. She played the lalo role to Morena Martir opposite another Star '56 member, Edgar Salcedo.

Described as a sweet and frail beauty, Loretta didn't stay long in the movies, opting to lead a quiet life in a nearby province. In the '80s, she gained some fame as a Delfi healer.

Loretta, Edgar and another Star '56 member, Diosdi Fernando, have long been gone, shining in a happier world.

Entertainment editor/columnist Nestor Cuartero and scriptwriter Jake Tiotuico requested *Remember When?* to feature Loretta in this section.

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Section F

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Who among your ex-boyfriends are you closest to?

Richard Gomez and Robin Padilla.

Who did you almost marry?

Lahat naman sila, including Charlie Colayongco.

Yes, Charlie and I were engaged. It wasn't a good break-up, but I'm close to his sisters Tina and Lisa, and I love his parents to death.

Turn to Page G-2



SHARON CUNETA ON P1 BILLION CONTRACT, LOVE, POLITICS, RICHARD, ROBIN, GABBY, PIOLO & FPJ

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Eddie Concepcion



Richard Gutierrez



Robin Padilla



Sharon's kids Frankie, Miel, Nate, Kiko, Kakie, Shane and Chiqui



Charlie Dizon



Piolo Pascual

Your comments on Piolo Pascual?

We loved and treated him very well. I loved and welcomed him sincerely, but he never even once showed himself officially to our family from the day that he and KC first went out up to now. . . .

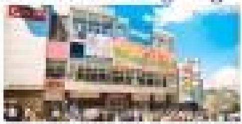
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This time, I will support the person who is in my heart. In the election before, my husband Kiko was with the administration, but the late Fernando Poe, Jr. was the person in my heart whom I really wanted to support.



By JIM PAREDES

Shooting a thousand words











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The octogenarians Senator Juan Ponce Enrile and Justice Serafin Cuevas, how urbane and civilized they are, Senator Enrile — he is truly the star of the show, the nation's father figure. And Justice Cuevas — how wise and blasé he is, twisting around his fingers those wrangers, those charging young squires to the prosecution.



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Rio de la Cruz: Big hair, big goals



By BANCH HONRADEZ



He grew his famous hair because of a prescribed bald spot on the right side of his forehead.

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I am not saying all mining is bad





I did get ticked off when the issue of the gas leak was brought up again. So for the record I would like to state that my family is spending hundreds of millions of pesos and they have committed to address the situation in three to five years.

Fancy cars and Aristotle



I thank Aristotle for reminding me that my own value — and my happiness — are not predicated on the kind of car that I drive but rather on the type of human being that I am and the kind of person that I aspire to be.

Getting ready to Dragon rock at Salon de Ning









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Can you write faster than a four-year-old?

At age three, Zayden Ramos started reading phonetically. At age four, he wrote his first book.









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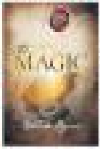


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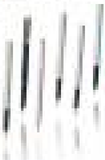


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Star, NBS, Globe announce 'My Favorite Book' winners

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The Philippine STAR, National Book Store and Globe Telecom announce winners of the Favorite Book contest 2012, selected by secondary students March 20, 12:00 a.m. at The Conservatory of Peninsula Manila.

The year's batch range from a digital and Tolkien-themed to a community student council initiatives and corporate interests — and three books was the perfect selection, according to contest coordinator and a true story written in present-tenses.

Contest prize winners: Catherine Ann Jones ("Bathtub Books").

Second place: Mon Tyrone Manuel Capule ("Addiction of Valour").

Third place: Catherine Tan ("My dads with the disappearance artist").

Honorable mentions:

1. Annika Joyce Goh: "Finding courage in solitude").

2. Chris C. Palma ("Unless we a lot me").

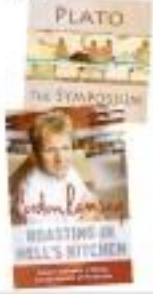
3. Dan Gonzales ("Trust in chaos"), 4. Rolando Pelino Jago ("A fable and a bed), name is God").

5. Melquiar Ace D. Landy ("Mother Sandanon, bring me a mouse").

Contest prize winners Catherine Jones is a Filipino diplomat based in Singapore and has lived in New Delhi and Tokyo. Second prize winner Javier Capule is a Political Science major at UP Diliman, and third prize winner Catherine Tan is a pre-med student at UP Manila.

Winners will receive cash prizes and gift certificates from NBS and Globe, and Globe will also provide mobile phones and Globe SIM cards.

Winners are requested to e-mail Dawn T. Ugay at dugay@philstar.com or call the STAR Lifestyle office at 927-7511 locals 135 and 139.





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Oh, captain, my captain!



THIS WEEK'S WINNER

IYNNA Chi-ay, 27, is a Korean national study-ing at La Consolacion College Manila. She is currently taking up her master's degree in English and literature. "I have two younger sisters, who are also studying here in the Philippines, and I love how easy my time in Manila has passed here. I can't wait to see what other wonderful adventures await me when I return to Korea, yet I often recommended for me to study in the Philippines. In fact, it is a no-brainer for me to go to the Philippines instead. I decided to take it as a positive note instead of crying and thinking about Manila and Korea. As long as you don't make a mistake twice, the path before you is yet to be discovered."

By IYNNA CHI

Dead Poets Society based on the screenplay by Tom Schulman, I, one of my favorite books. The story of Mr. Keating, a new English and Poetry teacher at Welton Academy, is unlike any other. Mr. Keating, a graduate of Welton Academy, doesn't like the style at Welton, so he becomes a charismatic teacher from the start. His unorthodox ways of teaching literature quickly earn him the nickname "nonconformist," telling his students that they need to tear the day to make their lives truly valuable, and he also tells them to call him "O Captain, my Captain."

He is an English teacher who not only uses books, literature and poetry but also his unique personality to teach. For example, Keating tells his students to rip out some of the pages of books, which describe a method of art, or interesting poetry. He also tells his students that this is garbage because good art cannot be measured with any mathematical formula.

Moreover, he also uses his students to stand on their desks to see things in a different way. The touching style of Keating's unconventional way of teaching got the attention of Dead Poets Society, suddenly awoke from years and. He left, others that was found inside Hunt's death to Keating. Therefore, no never him disappointed attention of the school. Mr. Nolan, who is a principal of Welton, knew all the conditions in Dead Poets Society to right the conditions. Keating from was the result of Keating. Literally, Keating becomes unhappy and he consequently decides to leave Welton Academy. The finally, as he had read Robert Other students try to control their teacher but their efforts are useless.

Lastly, the last day of Keating in Welton comes too soon. He packs his belongings from his desks, at the moment, Todd wants to say "O captain, my captain." Other students also stand on their desks one by one for their beloved teacher.

I especially like the last part of the book. The inspiring touchy changes his story, giving them freedom to be passionate about something, to create their own style, to be different, to be free. Finally, the last of teacher that we really need for us to change our educational system.

Today, I finished the book. It made me think of my own experiences when I was studying in South Korea. For me, my educational system is similar to that of Welton Academy. It becomes more of the schools and parents always force us to study only to score well in our colleges and to get high-paying jobs after graduation. I found that true in school from early morning until the evening. Of course we have extra-curricular activities to help us have a good future. And, of course, as students, we have to study, but this is not effective and this style of education kills the development of the individual personality.

Carpe diem, seize the day, talk to us don't see us less of us as voice. Thus,

The book 'Dead Poets Society,' based on the screenplay by Tom Schulman and the hit movie, tells the story of an unforgettable teacher and his students.

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Some many answered letters do you get for FLY: a. 25 text b. Globe, TM c. 9 text d. other network b. 100 texts to Globe, TM c. 10 texts to other networks d. 20 texts to other networks

WINNERS

"Tell when you think that it can't get any worse, it can. And just when you think it can't get any better, it can." Fiona, 20 Text Sent by Nicholas Ignacio, sent by John Fitz and brother

"To love is the world without becoming aware of the passing of the world is like wandering about in a great library without learning the books." From The Last Splash by Tim Bowling, sent by Angelica Macalinga

I believe that we must enjoy every moment and to continuing that we really want to do. Not constantly outside because he could not do what he really wanted too. How can it at all really pursued our time? either. I want this can't be done. Because I am not a person who is not automatic. Therefore, we need to respect all and not engage these moments. Because I desire Genesis about to be and what should I do to prepare for it. Therefore, I am not a child, I will need Holy Bible. Because, I love like God at the book. I respect followed the decisions of my parents in the past. But, I'm different from him so that I could explore my passions and dreams. I am not afraid and I want to do.

My middle school teacher in Korea recommended me to read this wonderful book. Instead of studying medicine to become a doctor, I've been studying education to become a teacher someday in the future. I will also teaching students with the creative mind of Mr. Keating and also teach them in a different way just as whatever in him. Her unforgettable caption of Welton Academy!

NBS recommends inspirational self-help books



BE THE MIRACLE: 90 LESSONS FOR MAKING THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE
By Regina Brett
Penguin

Want to live your dreams or even conquer them? Want the courage to step up the heroic? Want to see a miracle? What, are we saying, it? Why not be the miracle? Then, why don't you? Regina Brett (she loves to be Be Miracle. To be a miracle doesn't necessarily mean looking perfectly, always. Regardless, it means to be a miracle, even in your own loving circle, family, neighborhood, or social. Through a collection of inspirational essays, Regina shares lessons that will help people make a difference in the world around them. The lessons are from Regina's life experience and from the lives of others, especially those she has met and has been touched by. Regina's message is a lesson that we should always live together. Her book, a handbook on living for each of us change your to have daily spiritual success level. "Do Your Best and Forget the Rest" is "Sometimes it's enough to Do Your Precious Hopes." These lessons will help you accept and embrace yourself, embrace others, forgive yourself, and better serve others.



THE NEW SCIENCE OF LOVE
By Dr. Ivan Cohen Freier
Hyperion

Love hurts is the heart of love. Our love is a gift, but it is also a gift of suffering—love for loving deep, learning change? Love is available to us, but we don't always know how to receive it. Dr. Ivan Cohen Freier will show you how to access these hidden dimensions of love and how to heal love. By understanding love from your mind works, you can live with your ego in psychosis and create love in your life—change your relationship — by creating change in yourself. Discover the secrets of love and how to heal your relationship. Only the subconscious love a person can see at home and in your heart.



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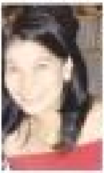








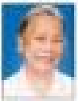


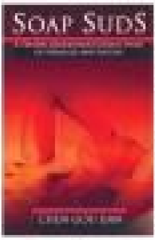






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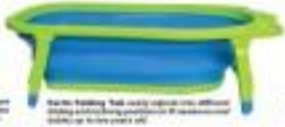
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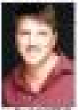


By GARY MERAH





The price of an iPad





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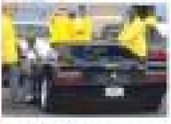
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Travelife Japan Night @ Dusit Thani



Pranee Kumsi, GM, Dusit Thani; DOT Secretary Ramon Jimenez; Japanese Ambassador Toshinao Urabe; Benito Kitajima-Angara and Mars Anselmo. (Right) Ambassador Japan Airlines



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Dusit Thani Manila Director of Sales and Marketing Ajarin Kanokwan Pitpo, Madame Ercelie and Enzo Ambassador Ivo Sarkan and Mitsui's executive Shunding are flown into Andrew Buckhorn, EBE Singapore Airlines, EDC Arlene Co and Arlene Co, publisher Mitsui Mikasaki



Zouhair Lahrichi Rajami and Tina Jacinto, Pranee Jacinto with invited guests from the Israeli Embassy, blending from left: the family, F&B director Dusit Thani, King Lorenzo David and a guest



Madame Ercelie and Japanese Ambassador Toshinao Urabe; Benito Kitajima-Angara, former DFA secretary Domingo and Kay Gaisano and Christine Cuneton



Seated are (from left) Mr. & Mrs. Willie Ng; Ivo and Andrea Lo; standing (from left) Christine Cuneton, Alan Ong, president and CEO, Fusion Mills; Wally Antiporda and guests



Atty. Gilbert Teodoro, Monsour Cagayan and Atty. Andrew Tan



Seated are (from left) Travelife board director Lolyn Barnes with wife Lolit; Australian Ambassador Bill Tweddell with wife Iris; standing are (from left) Dr. Jack Arroyo, Mida Feldballe, Jake Lapuente, Peter Daniels and Ariel



Seated are (from left) Brunei Ambassador Abdul Hakim Hasbi Hasbi Ahmad Ambassador Agnes Kanokwan Pitpo, Madame Ercelie and Enzo Ambassador Ivo Sarkan and Mitsui's executive Shunding are flown into Andrew Buckhorn, EBE Singapore Airlines, EDC Arlene Co and Arlene Co, publisher Mitsui Mikasaki

Mexican Masks exhibit at the Museum of the Filipino People





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Senator C. Ong, chairman of the Senate Committee on Higher, Technical Education, Arts, Culture, National Heritage, Historical Research and Libraries, Ambassador of Mexico and Consul for Promotion, Manila Affairs



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At stress is at its height and the mind and body is in dire exhaustion, a relaxing getaway might just be the best one-fit offer's variety of ideas. The Travel Club brings back the Mad About Travel. This year's event centers on Fitness and Relaxation. It is set in several cities nationwide. Following on March 16 – 17, Alabang Town on April 27 – 29, Ayala Center Cebu on July 13 – 15, and Clarkfield on October 12 – 14.

Discover one of Philippines's most picturesque destinations, learn about travel agency benefits, find new all-flight offerings and get great deals on discounted premium baggage and bags. The event will be packed with contests, and include exciting games and a raffle of airline tickets, hotel accommodations, gift certificates from event partners and special discounts on premium products.

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South Korea's second largest city Busan, home to the world's biggest shopping complex, is where the seafood is fresh and the spas are fantastic. And the most affordable way to get there is via Cebu Pacific, which is offering the lowest possible year-round Go Lite fare of P3,599 one way.

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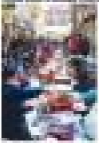


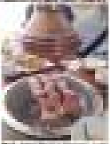




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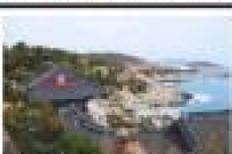












BUCKET-LIST EXPERIENCES



Fullerton Bay Hotel: Timeless jewel







By CHRISTINE S. DAYRIT



'Once you become a guest of this bespoke hotel, you will be entranced to stay a lifetime,' shares Fullerton Bay Hotel GM Giovanni Viterale.













Happiness all around at Hotel Veniz

By LESTER ESPELA HALLIG



Hotel Veniz' Sue Ingles is at the center of it all. So it has been at the hotel's restaurant, bar, casino or can personally be seen at the hotel's reception, lobby and other nooks of interest, says manager Susan Sayco-Valencia.





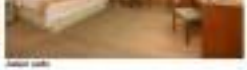
Lobby lounge



Hotel Veniz' restaurant



Hotel Veniz' lobby



Deluxe suite



Family suite

Phl Pavilion at Korea expo to feature a sea world of fun



We swatch





SWATCH out, world!



SWATCH's leap of colors!

Say "Hello" to bright colors! (Yes, too. Leap Year babies!) This is the year to turn on the magic of bright colors.

Fashion 2012 is inspired by the deep blue seas, pristine forests and the rest of the enchanting life in the nature around us. It is also about prints...paisley, floral, tribal and more.

Black is in, white is in and definitely bright colors are in! It's time to **show off your SWATCH**.

SWATCH is available at SWATCH Stores in SM Megamall, Glorietta 4, Greenbelt 5, and Trinoma; SWATCH Kiosks in SM Mall of Asia, SM City North EDSA, SM City Cebu, Glorietta 3, Rockwell Power Plant Mall, Greenhills V-Mall, Shangri-La Plaza, Robinsons Place, Ayala Mall, Festival Mall, Ayala Center Cebu, and Abreeza Mall. Davao; and HOURS THR WALL Shops in Alabang Town Center and Ayala Malls.



Swatch New Gent Lacquered



Swatch Lady Originals



Swatch Touch models give touch-screen access to 5 digital functions: time (2 zones), 1st & 2nd, date, chrono, alarm, timer and beep. Users swipe through the functions with ease using finger taps and sideways scrolls—no pushbuttons—and can activate the screen's built-in backlight to assure readability under all conditions.

By far the biggest surprises on the Swatch Touch screen are the seconds, animated like the seconds hand on an analogue watch, they are constantly changing, alive, giving rhythm and a pulse to life in the digital age. They are, in fact, the 'heart' of the watch.



Swatch Touch



New black, opulent pink, dreamy sorbet, forest-fresh green and lemonade yellow made their debut in the tellingly handsome New Gent line of Swiss-made timekeepers. Each of the new models presents a matching coloured dial, plastic case and rugged-look, cone strap. Colored indexes and a keyholder contour at 3 o'clock add pleasant shades to the picture: orange sets off the black dial index and yellow adds a splash to pink, while azure complements coral, pink touches up the green and the yellow New Gent has a spot of blue that makes it even brighter.





Swatch New Gent Coloured



These five watches called Swatch Chrono Plastic. Hooked are rugged, sporty chronographs with colored dials, solid plastic cases with rotating bezels and matching silicone rubber straps, all in an elegant, unconventional look that speaks of rugged elegance.

Available in black, green, grey, blue and beige.



Swatch Chrono Plastic



The Swatch Skin, at 3.9 mm, is the lightest watch of Swatch. Featured here are the Swatch Skin Chassiewat, which comes in white, black, blue, purple & pink and Swatch Skin Saffiewat models in purple, grey, grey, burgundy & blue.

Each watch is effortless and graceful, winning attention through quiet allure and chic timeless. Simplicity is the soul of elegance, and these pieces are a convincing display of "less is more" monogram.

Swatch Skin

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Welcome back, Lady Q!







Rights may ebb and flow but memories and open doors stay there with us forever.
— Joseph Campbell

My dear and special friend of over 15 years, international promoter and philanthropist Nonoy "Lady Q" Quiogue threw quite a 'benevolent' dinner by invite only at The Strata, Ortigas' media-packed cocktail restaurant of the few locations listed this side of Mexico — the Hamilton Dimmick Hotel.

Among us were Peruvian Ambassador Stephen Lliffe, multi-talented Rosario Concepcion, Canadian Ambassador Jean Lapierre, Lebanese Ambassador Antoine Chedid, Mexican Ambassador Rodolfo Solis Mendiola's personalized touch.

The gracious wives of the former Philippine Ambassadors to the Court of St. James, Ambassadors Edna Limcaoco, Lady Q-supporters, a heartfelt hosts in Aaron Angbael.

Welcome back, Lady Q!















A celebration of life

A memorial of anniversary and generosity. Shirlito "Shilong" Rodriguez, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, friend and colleague, would have celebrated his 70th birthday and the 10th eternal remembering of the Quezon City Medical Center Nursing Class of 1970, which for her memorability chaired.

Shilong is a premier graduate and the wife of Dra. Lucia Reddy a Development president Leopold Rodrigo. Hundreds of guests and friends from all over the world gathered at the La Mesa Eco Park, Novo Manila in Quezon City. The affair had everything: enticing restaurant surrounds and cooking up with their dream jazz. Guests had an unforgettable time reserving the company they had shared while dancing to the famous music tastes. Spirit of '37 and remembering the sentimental favorites and appreciation of singer Marco Sison and Jaime Bermudez. It was truly a special and enjoyable night for everyone present.

Many birthday to Shilong and congratulations on the very memorable remembering!















GREETINGS

Happy birthday to our celebrants today: multi-awarded singer and businessman Jose Mari Chan and Makati Medical Hospital's Dr. Remedios Matias.

Advanced birthday greetings to Mila Mamaqui, March 11; Bong Barcelo and Malou Rodriguez, March 12; Abe Pilotondo, March 16; and Boots Cacnio, March 17.

Happy wedding anniversary today to Fee and Vladen Fores, Cindee and Lito Bengzon, and golden anniversary to Antonio and Blanca Santiago, March 11.

So, how was your week?

For comments or suggestions, please e-mail the.allure@philstar.com.

Hair today, gone tomorrow (a.k.a. the bare necessities)



When we talk about the issues and stresses of living in a big city, we're usually going on about acceptance and passivity would be out of the waxing and shrinking of our body hair — and more specific areas that don't have much to one's imagination. And we're not only talking about women here. Many a narrow underwear, as well as the occasional Speedo, have blood-curdling. Pampered bachelor Ashley of Ming and Bernstein, 31, proclaims that his special services such as the Brazilian? Yes, you did read that right. Ashley, a self-confessed metrosexual, admits that he's a bachelor and models are among his clientele, but he's generally appreciative, quick to point out that his specialised business began years ago, long before "crisis for the bachelor when one something of herself" in Boston's, a classic



Roberta Rose Lipscomb, Philippine-Canadian founder of Ming and Bernstein, speaking of her bikini services.

subsequently attempting to make her mark. Opened the franchisee. August of 2008 saw Roberta first marketing her waxing and shrinking and opening her boutique's doors to "the salon of the year 2010" — they now have a spa, Ming and Bernstein under on the 4th floor of Centrepoint. The spa is designed by Ministry of Design, courtesy of Jerry de Souza, its creative director in Singapore.

At Ming and Bernstein, hair removal is treated like a science — services and techniques are standardised, and customised treatments is the forward. The Brazilian Bernstein uses warm organic light formula to wax small, and a process with a softer touch, done in 10 minutes and takes in the body area, pubic concentration starts, mostly, at 10 minutes. She says: "They are a bit better on organic health, but a normal treatment should have that less discomfort and does one. There's a chocolate underwear that — such as the pain, which is evidently not as intended for. The reason." Lavender is excited for bigger body parts like the waxed enthusiast. At Brazilian, the signature service is done Wave Sensation for 1 h. Some participants, one from each the two sexes, is used to create one's customer like a wax-like torso, and he has been a preferred the a lot of more modest women.

While other spa companies about how their prices are higher than the other establishments, offering the same services, Roberta emphasises that quality and not cost, which dictates global standards, and it would seem the likes of Josh Hopkinson. Presently Brunei, the love of her life on some and a few, are in complete agreement.

"You really have [quality]," — the original phrase may have sounded in the dressing saloon of some bar in Ming and Bernstein, it takes us to take very special meaning.

TIME FOR REBELS

The TAG Heuer Women: The Beautiful Rebel



TAG Heuer FORMULA 1 Lady Yin Yang



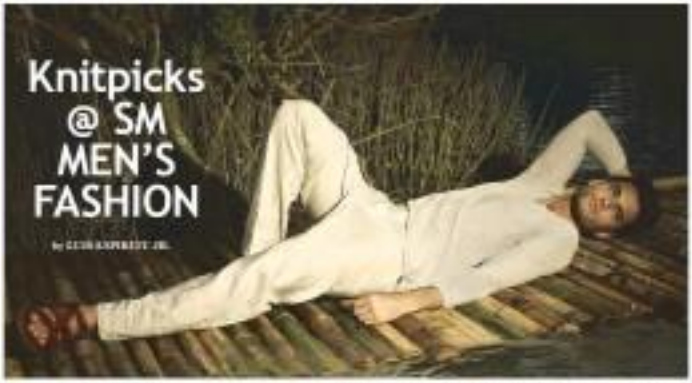


TAG Heuer FORMULA 1 Lady Steel & Ceramic 33mm Stainless Dial Diamond Bezel Black



Knitpicks @ SM MEN'S FASHION

by ELSIE ESPIRITU JR.





Are you interpreting for the perfect look this summer? SM MEN'S FASHION is on top of the trends scene as it has released its new and practical knitwear. Modern knits have become a classic piece and have seemingly conquered every generation. Defined by its own rules. The spot-on knitwear collection includes with the latest shaved shades, with classic hues and contemporary silhouettes. Interesting fitted and knit crops done in complete proportion, perfect for a range of mood and functions with classic trimmings, shorts, jumper and drawstrings. Simplicity is the key component that provides a comfort feel that's light, easy and relaxed.

SM MEN'S FASHION is spearheading the luxury of comfort as one of the major fashion staples for men this summer. The brand's look is a modernist statement that succumbs a host of classic esthetic pros just up-to-date sportswear with the Olympics as round in the months to come.

The knitwear collection of SM MEN'S FASHION include COLORFUL BALLENO and MAINSTREET have jewelry-radiant a voluntary approach to their clothing. The knitwear is an easy to wear garment and maintenance free as opposed to your cousin's shortening of formal and polished dressing. These up-to-the-minute pieces are available in selected SM MEN'S FASHION stores nationwide.

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Here comes the sun!









Summer street fashion

by SERENA GRIMWOOD

Summer is the season of sun and fun.

There is nothing more exciting than spending relaxed time during a leisurely downtown stroll. It can be exhilarating on a road trip to your favorite summer destination. But before you hit the beach, make sure that you're all prepped up with a pair of stylish yet comfortable shoes to match whatever activities you have in mind.

Skechers, a global leader in the footwear industry, kicks off this summer season with its newest collection of shoes in fashionable designs. The colors and breathe patterns, so you can sashay the streets in low style or sizzle the town long into the night.

Start your day with an outfit that will allow you to move around the city with utmost comfort no matter the task. Simply turn up a pair of Skechers Go Run and your fitness training shoes to go downtown fashion statement. Its wide range of colors you match out with your sports gear, but a range of other looks from preppy all the way to casual.

For a more laid-back vibe, simply slip on a pair of BOBS by Skechers and show their fashionable side while keeping your cool casually looks. Made of soft fabrics with padded liner for absolute comfort, this shoe offers a pair of patterns and designs that will definitely add color to style the day with as well.

Users on the other hand, can opt for a more dressed-down look with a pair of pastel colored shoes and simple accessories. Add a touch of style with a pair of Skechers sneakers and instantly create a look that is comfortable and practical, yet classy.

Turning fashionista might tend to experiment with the latest color block top trend or mix of prints to make the fun ensemble, Skechers Street Rumbler is the perfect shoe to match with a pair of Skechers casual loafer flats in neutral colors.

So, whatever activity or destination you're inclined to check out this summer, make sure that you're always ready to hit up in a fashionable mode with the footwear in our closet from Skechers footwear.



Underlit prints are back and the best way to accentuate this is to dress up in a pair of super cute and comfortable BOBS by Skechers flash shoes.



Go for a comfortable yet practical look with Skechers sneakers.



All the streets is absolute fashion and complement this with BOBS by Skechers sandals flats.



Get those sleeveless running shoes in a feminine statement and match them with a range of outfits from your closet – from preppy all the way to casual.











A big, big Yes to Nomama

By Bayani Tiburcio, Jr.

Nothing beats eating good food — to say the least, eating good Japanese food.

After my recent trip to Japan, my cravings brought me to Nomama, a classy but unpretentious casual eatery. Japanese noodle houses like Nomama are found in every corner from Ueno (pronounced Oo-eh-no) to Shibuya City.

Ask Chef Ron Ochoa of Nomama, Nomama's owner and 11-store mate to Da Kitchen, for a round of guys or tongue-in-cheek and he'll whip something that makes lips scream for you. The noodle dish, flavorful and served piping hot, comes with a mug of thick, creamy soup of the additional Lucerne pork paste. The black mushrooms, embedded in the noodles are an exotic and fun taste wonders. Japanese cooking is not limited to noodles.

Nomama's Thai touch: kitchen (cont) to noodles must-taste from Chef Ron's kitchen. The spot is usually packed with folks down your palate, the dish gives you that fresh feeling, perhaps because the meat comes for the dish is free-range chicken.

Another point that the chicken in the restaurant is good to the well-placed free-range roast chicken. It's so good and tender. Still knows that really cook and happening today in the north.

We got our free-range chicken and organic duck from Legaspi, post Dasmarinas and the remainder also in Negros itself, from Bukidnon. We work with a lot of small farmers around the country. It is from farms that we source our ingredients," says Chef Ron, who finished culinary in Perth and Restaurant Management at De La Salle – St. Benilde and further honed his culinary prowess at La Cocotte. Before his stint, he worked as a chef in Sydney in 2002. Several years after, he put all the lessons and experiences he had into a restaurant called Nomama, which opened its doors last year. The way, dinner can run P1 to the more than and 20 years in the biz.

Chef Ron starts his servers using local ingredients with a Japanese touch. The twice-cooked pork belly, according to my good friend Ai Ai, is a glorious treat as-cooked consensus take long. What's how the main item of Nomama guarantee that sink and its unconditional love to "address" the dish with apple cooking chips. The pork belly is glazed on a bed of apple teriyaki sauce. And if you're looking for Bread Ai Ai, it's the best-known on Ros-Ark. Its name: Bread.

The roasted snapper with corn, and arugula, quails' blossom salad and yuzu (Japanese lemon) and duck (Japanese broth) is highly recommended. You see, it tastes like the dish's original instruments at a restaurant somewhere near-sake-sea of Chihon Tiji-stabbed in Tokyo.

Other crowd-pleasers at Nomama include quash blossom tempura with prawn and pork noodle and spread with pine nuts, the lemongrass-oil, and with salad bowl.

And, yes, for that salad eating — how to use as one of appetizers. It tastes like cous-cous-based sauces and served with yogurt from and very creative. It reminds me of the Japanese Japanese apple pie I tasted as a famous cafe along Ocean's longest shopping district in Tokyo, Omotesando in Shibuya.

Custom the servings here are big, substantial-priced for sharing. Nomama delivers delicious food in a casual setting and friendly cost.































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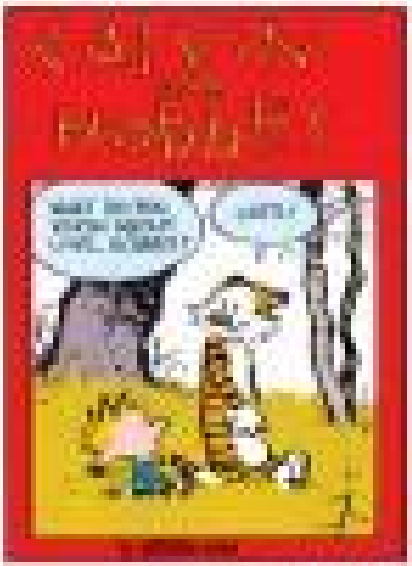
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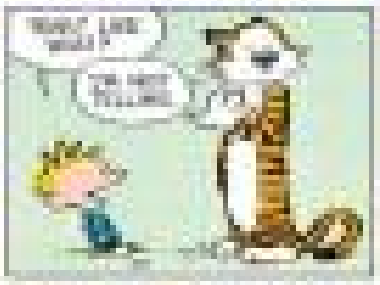


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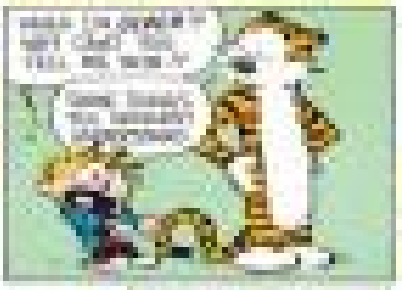






































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I GOTTA GET NEW FRIENDS!


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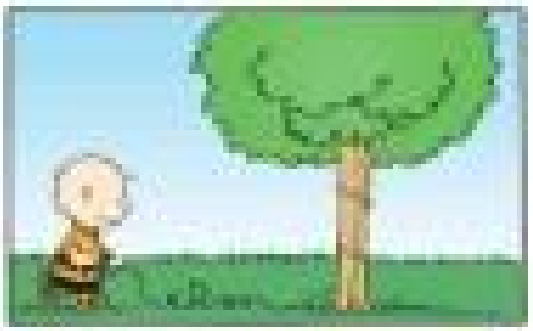

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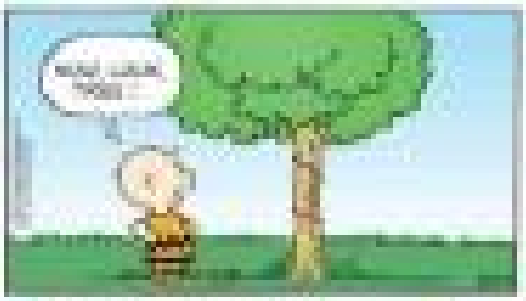

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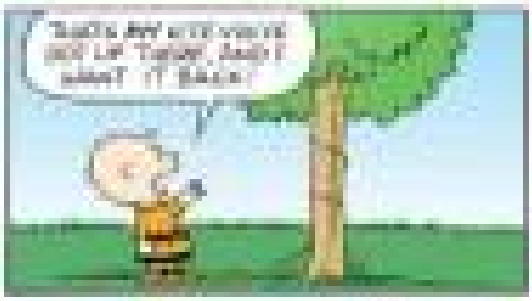

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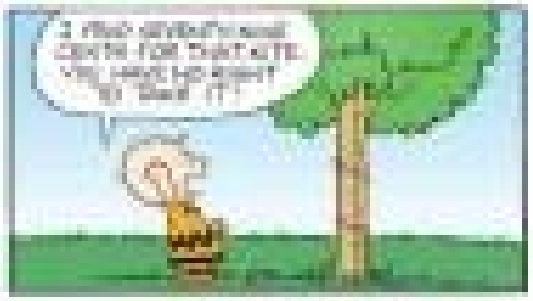

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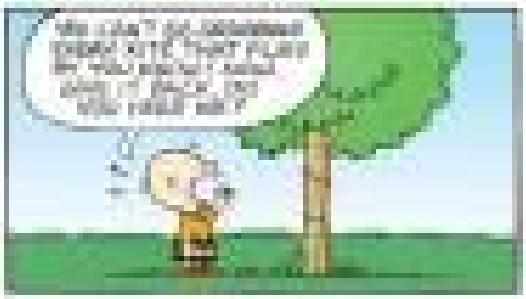

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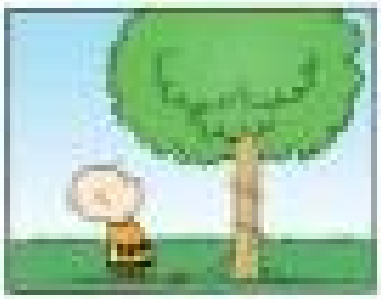



NICE LOOK, YOU!


THAT'S MY KITE YOU'RE GOT UP THERE, AND I WANT IT BACK!


I MUST HAVE HAD OUTS FOR THAT KITE. YES, I HAD SO RIGHT TO OWN IT!


WE CAN'T GO HOME! SOMEONE'S GOT OUR KITE!




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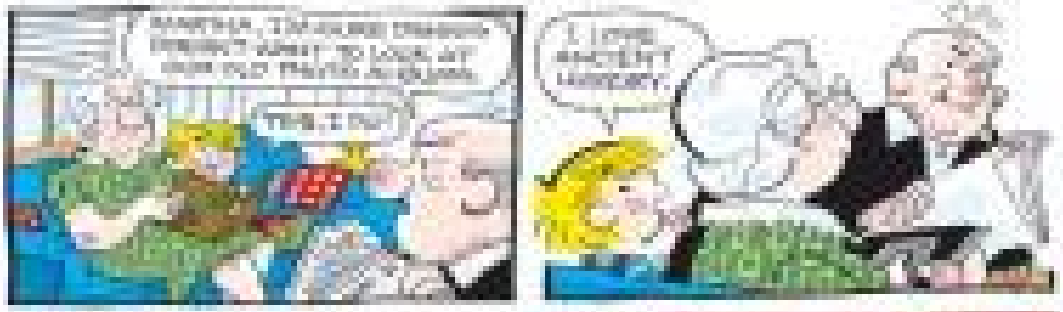
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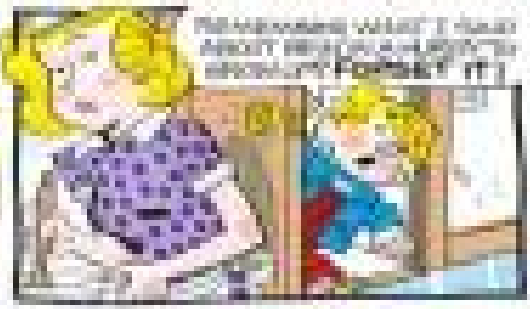


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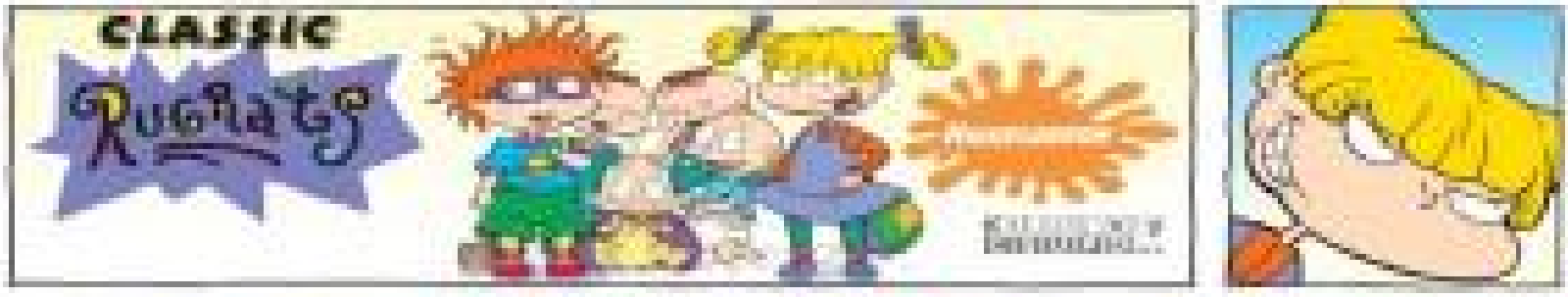
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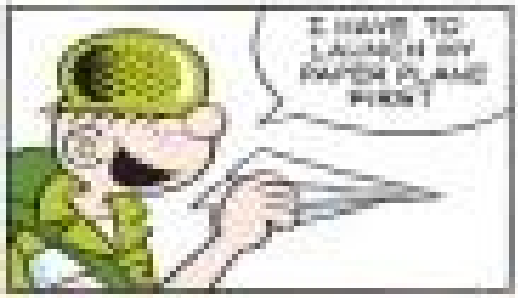


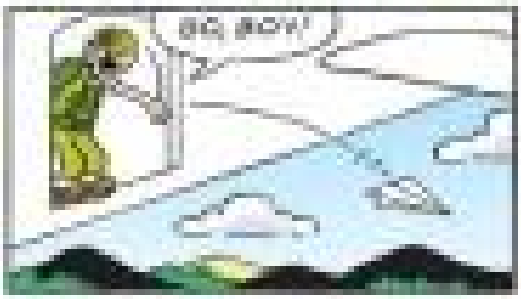

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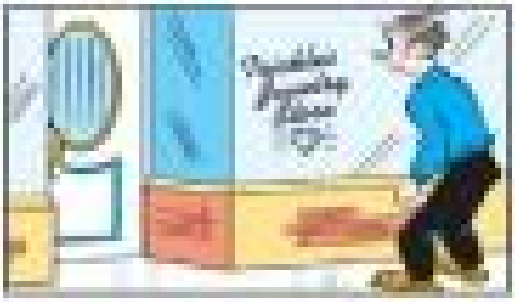






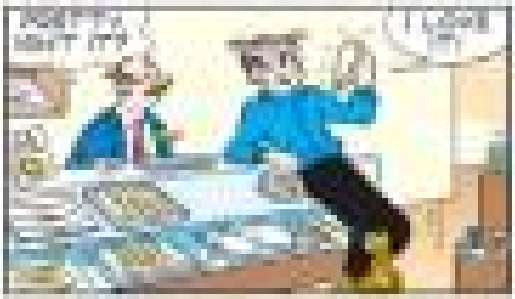


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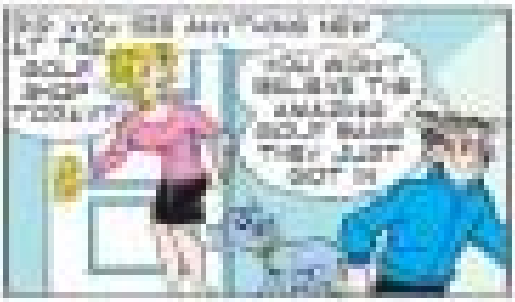










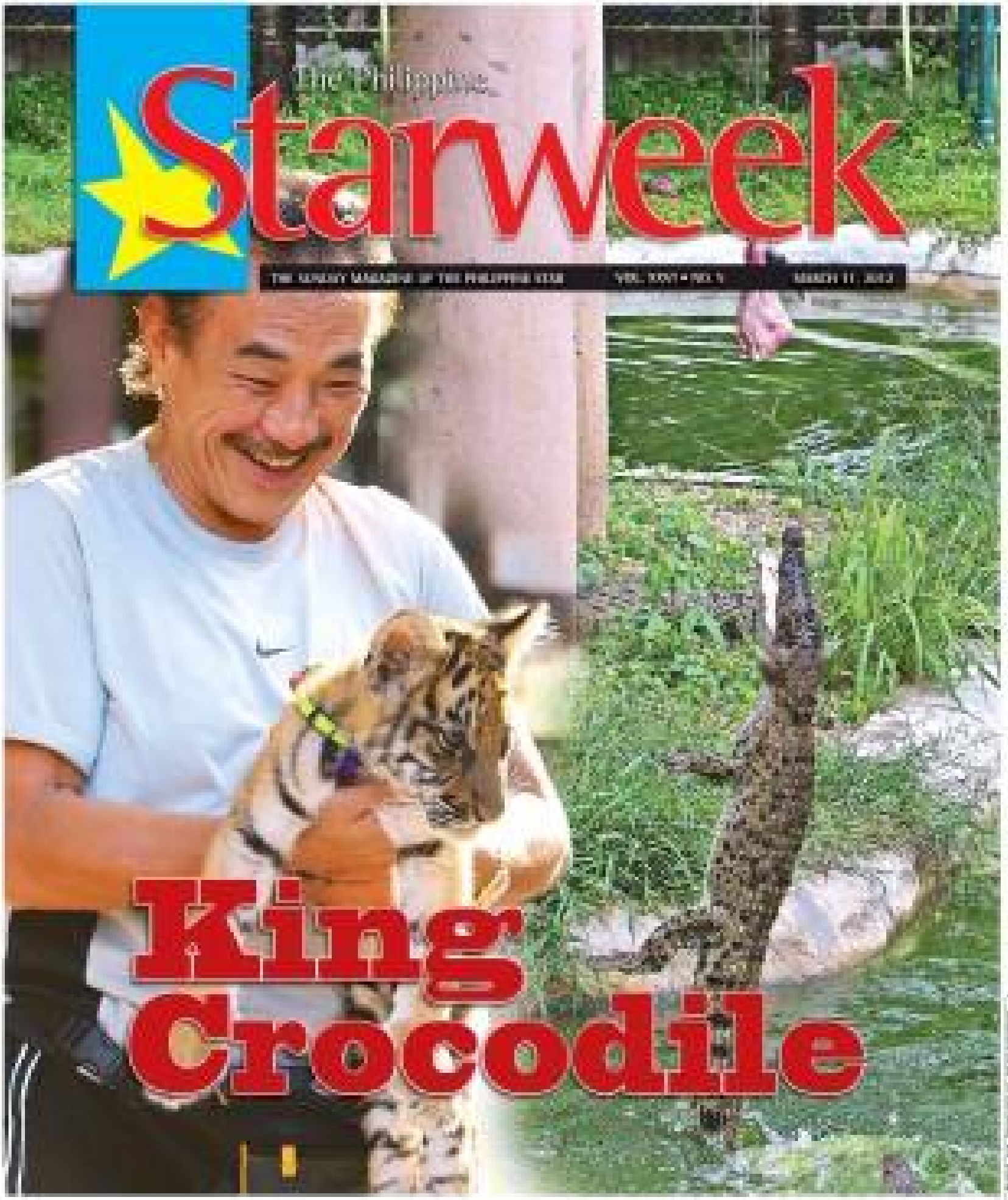



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Am I a candidate for revival?

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Long ago the psalmist prayed, "Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?" (Psalm 85:6) But what are we really talking about when we say the word "revival"? In a spiritual sense, revival means coming to life, a spiritual awakening, or the insight or hope of God bringing new life to His Body the Church and to us as individuals.

When Jesus sent out the twelve He gave them authority over the spirit world and the physical world as well. He said, "As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:7-8). When the twelve hit the streets, people knew something important was happening. They didn't have to put on a show to get a crowd.

Today, though, almost every advance in the church can be explained as human brain, good promotion, good music, brilliant entertainment, exciting, feel-good motivational messages (now called sermons), dynamic personalities and impressive buildings (sometimes with glass, fountains, and restaurants). The result is often spiritually impotent church where growth comes more slowly.

Instead of pointing your finger at your church, ask yourself, "Do I personally need to be revived? Has my spiritual life become mechanical, routine and formulaic? Do I desire a deeper, more intimate relationship with God in Christ?" And when you answer in the affirmative, you have declared yourself to be a candidate for spiritual renewal that is the key to reviving other ones again.

Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping. For you, O God, tested us; you refined us like silver. You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs. You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out to a place of abundance. I will come to your temple with burnt offerings and fulfill my vows to you.

Psalm 66:8-13

King Crocodile

By Daniel Stevenson-Nicolas

PHILIP "SONNY" DIZON IS NO SUIT-AND-TIE BUSINESSMAN. Tall, mustached, with a penchant for gold jewelry and semi-rimless sunglasses, the 57-year-old has the air of a playboy. He calls adventure sport the closest adrenaline rush to sex. He tries to avoid Manila most of the year, jetting either to his Las Vegas condo or home in Davao. Next month, he and a few buddies will head to the east coast of Honduras to "f* around" on jet skis.**

Dizon is also the proud owner of 900 saltwater crocodiles.

Last year, 300,000 people—many of them impoverished school children—paid to look at Dizon's saltwater crocodiles.

Dizon never intended to use his reptiles for this purpose. In years ago, he started breeding crocodile purses with the aim of selling their skin and meat on the international market.

Instead, Dizon has become the nation's czar of crocodile tourism.

Dizon is the owner of the only two crocodile parks in the Philippines. And, in the past seven years, he has turned them into the cornerstone of a small business empire.

That empire is set to expand further next year when Dizon opens his third and largest crocodile park—with a casino twist.

He also hopes, with government approval, to finally export crocodile meat and skin to global buyers. A lucrative market that, to date, does not fetch as much as $200 per crocodile.

For all their profitability, crocodiles were a particularly unusual venture for a man whose wealth was built on gambling premises—and pornography.

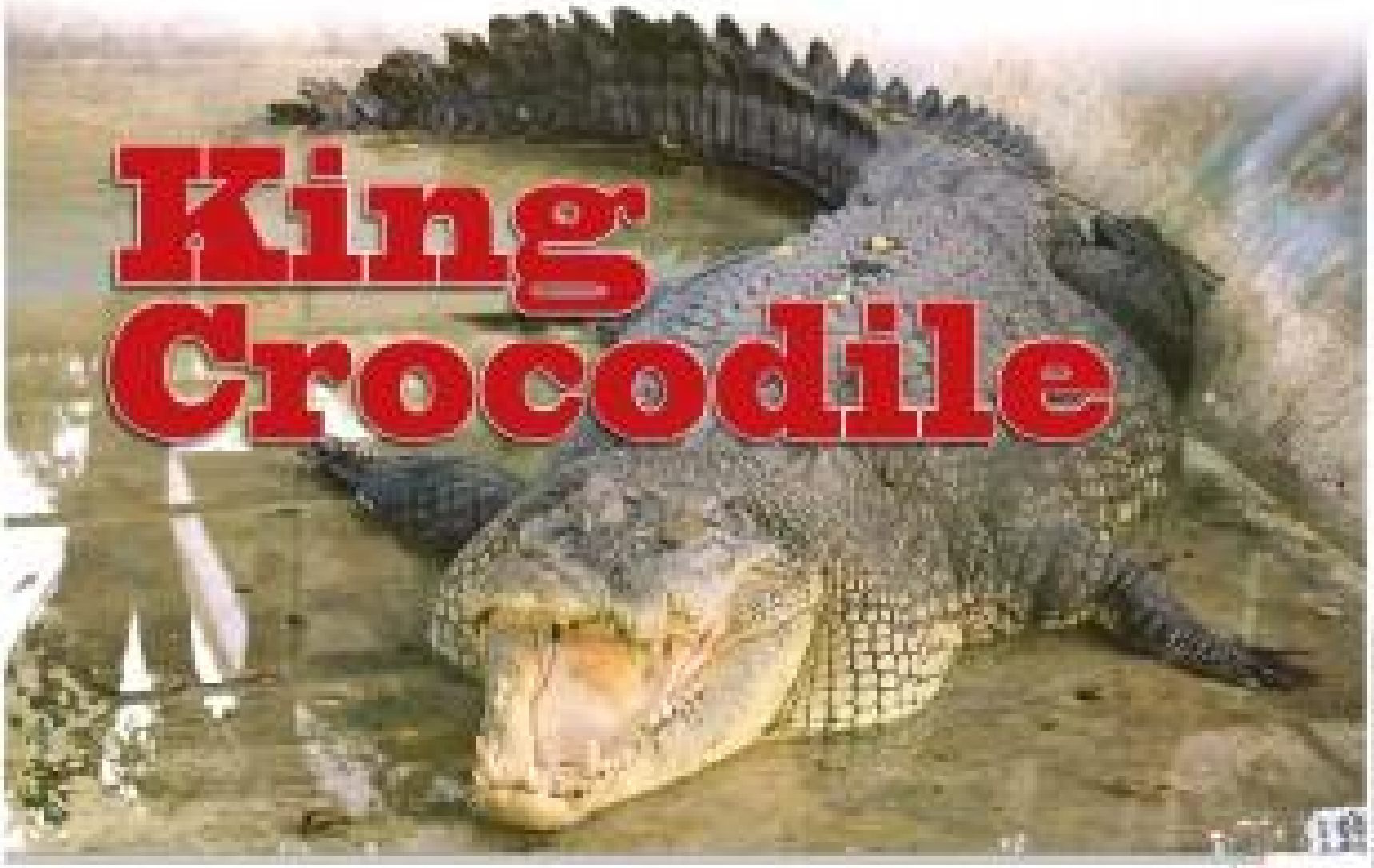
40 years ago, Dizon's father founded Dizon Farms, which stands today as one of the nation's most well-known meat brands.

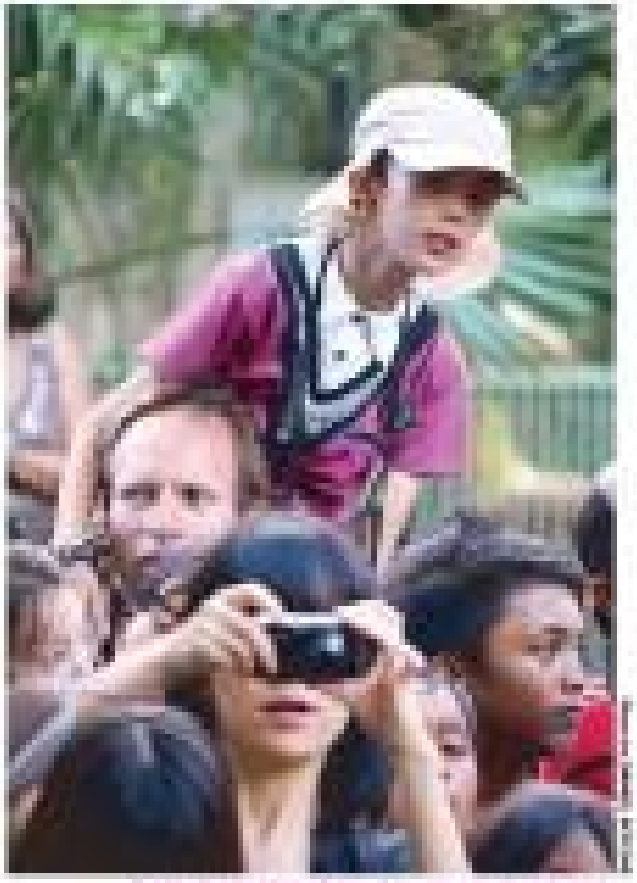
While the Dizon children still raise and rear the crocodiles, Ronald Dizon is trying to sow

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The adventure-seeking Dizon (above) has built a business empire out his saltwater crocodiles. "Sonny"—who weighs nearly 1,000 kg—with the Davao Crocodile Park team behind





Tourists at Dizon's Crocodile Farm in Mandaue City, Cebu, feed a crocodile with pieces of chicken. Dizon's crocodiles are bred in captivity.

stranger to the United States. The Dizon brood, with their father's wealth and business, was largely educated in the US West Coast.

Dizon was in a shoe store when an $800 price tag caught his eye. He asked the salesman, a Filipino, why the shoes were so expensive.

"Because it's a crocodile skin shoe," Dizon recalled the salesman saying. "It's the most expensive one available."

Shortly after returning to the Philippines, a friend would lend him a book about crocodiles. He memorized pages of facts about the reptile's breeding cycle, metabolism, and evolutionary history.

Opportunity was knocking. At the time, there were crocodile farms in Australia and a growing number in Southeast Asia, but none in the Philippines.

Three years earlier, Nonoy had closed a 10,000-laying pig farm in Davao due to supply and credit problems. Nonoy would leave, after a visit to Thailand to examine crocodile farms, that he could grow the reptiles in the cane-sweet molasses that once hosed his pigs.

Crocodiles, despite their aggressive reputation, are easy to control when they're considered. They territorial, in some ways, makes them easy to breed compared to many other exotic animals.

"They are not like tigers that you have to feed every two hours," Dizon says. "There are reptiles that can go without food for two weeks. They are born to survive."

Dizon sent a group of people to Mindanao to capture Indo-Pacific crocodiles in the wild. The species, often called saltwater crocodiles, are the largest and most common in the world, found in Southeast Australia, Southeast Asia, and Eastern India.

Beginning with 100 wild specimens and a few captive crocodiles supplied later by other investors, Dizon has now bred an army of 900.

Export problems

Yet, it was only three years ago that Dizon began selling crocodile skin, and most – nearly 10 years after he opened his farm.

At present, Dizon lacks accreditation to sell raw skin internationally. He is instead selling small numbers of belts and bags – already processed into leather – at local retailers in Davao.

It's a less profitable trade than the global market, which Dizon is confident he will soon be able to join once he gains accreditation from the government.

"The end market is exporting skin," Dizon said. "In fact, there's a commercial shortage of saltwater crocodile skin."

The reason it has taken Dizon so long to begin selling skin, even domestically, is not entirely clear.

In one interview, Dizon said he was waiting to build up his crocodile numbers before going into full-scale harvesting. In an earlier interview, Dizon said he had encountered some regulatory issues because his crocodiles were bred from a wild catch, rather than captive species.

When pressed, Dizon was reluctant to explain the problems.

Whatever the exact reason for the delay, Dizon has not let that lead to the crocodile accumulating recklessly. Today, in addition to Nonoy's two farms in Davao, there are about six major crocodile farms in the Philippines.

Construction magnate William Belo holds the title of the biggest farm, with over 5,000 crocodiles on his 10-hectare site in Mayhaligue, Bicol.

But the wait to break into the international market spurred Nonoy to veer into a lucrative diversion his competitors haven't – charging for the privilege of viewing his crocodiles.







Dizon (in baseball shirt) at the opening of Dizon Crocodile Park in 2005.

The Crocodile Parks

In 2005, Dizon opened Davao Crocodile Park, a two-hectare wildlife park seven kilometers from Dizon's biggest farm.

A saltwater crocodile does not lay eggs and reaches a harvestable size at four years of age. Dizon saw an opportunity to profit in the short term.

"Crocodiles have a long gestation period, while you're waiting you might as well make money in the tourism industry," Dizon said.

Dizon built themed restaurants and filled them with bones of crocodiles. To find out the experience, Dizon added more like shows. In one show, an attendant walks above a team of crocodiles on a tightrope. In another, a crocodile is wrestled with a stick to make it thrash to show which has gained a lurking from now-

his share of the family wealth to walk his own path.

It's a personal mission that, Dizon says, was instilled by his father.

Growing up, Francisco Dizon would tell his eight children: "Don't rely on the family business because it may not grow as fast as your family grows."

After his father's death six years ago, Dizon would have found a new association with Nonoy.

But, as he seeks to emulate the business success of his father, Nonoy – who resigned abruptly as an iPod dealing in a control-of-Davao interview – is doing it with a flair that is purely his own.

From pigs to crocodiles

Dizon's fixation on crocodiles began with a pair of shoes in 1986.

Dizon was on vacation in San Francisco at the time. Like his brothers and sisters, he is no





Take crocodiles.

And, while crocodiles are the stars of the show, Dizon brought in a menagerie of supporting actors: mongooses, tigers, snakes, cockatoos and even cats.

Last year, 300,000 came to view Dizon's park. The biggest clientele are school groups, who flock daily through Dizon's gates in carload after carload.

In 2009, riding on a need of crocodile farms, Dizon shipped crocodiles to Manila to open a second smaller park. Last year, it drew 100,000 visitors, and the numbers are rising.

PEO Adventure World

Dizon has used the profits, specifically his Davao facility, to open a dozen other tourist attractions, from parks and zipliners to resorts and restaurants, under his brand PEO Adventure World.

Dizon, who describes being bored by the thought of living around a swimming pool, has tried to model the attractions after his own passions.

One of his two resorts, for instance, is a hybrid waterpark on Samal Island that offers a smorgasbord of pedaling, kayaking, and diving. The resort is perched on layers on a steep slope to the sea, with two giant waterslides curling over the seawall.

PEO Adventure World, perhaps as a tribute to Dizon's roots in the area-old, has also ventured its tentacles into stranger territory. In 2012, Dizon took 30 civet cats from his crocodile parks and began using their droppings to produce coffee.

Civet coffee sells for $200 to $600 per pound and is one of the world's most expensive coffees. It is produced by feeding ripe coffee cherries to Asian palm civets, which then excrete the beans. The cat's digestive process removes the bitterness of the bean, creating a highly desired flavor.

"We already know how to take care of them, how to feed them, their breeding requirements, so all we needed to do was feed them the coffee," Dizon says.

At the heart of all of these ventures, however — from civet coffee to water resorts — are still the crocodile parks.

A visit to Davao Crocodile Park is a blistering affair: zero protection for PEO Adventure World. Zoo-hello exhibitors billboards. Midmorning ushers the area-wide open TV screenings. A lawyer introduces the park crocodile show with the gesture "Brought to you by Dizon," the most accessible, most lucrative, and most friendly alpha-ice all ages."

To further entice the brand and expand his advertising reach, Dizon now runs a brand channel that broadcasts to Mindanao.

The Land of Promise

Dizon plans to expand most of his tourism ventures in one way or another, but crocodiles remain the key to growth.

Beyond selling skin and meat, Dizon sees further commercial opportunities. A resort in Boracay, for instance, is interested in buying live crocodiles for its restaurant.

His biggest venture, however, in Isabel Land, a 10-hectare wildlife park that Dizon hopes will be his crowning achievement when it opens in December 2013.

Dizon's vision is a wildlife park that families can walk across the context of their car. Some crocodiles have already been transferred to the site, but he also intends to add tigers, elephants, rhinoceros, and other big game.

Dizon has other plans nationwide that he is keeping close to his chest for now, but he views Mindanao as a region fertile for tourism development.

In many ways, Dizon's position for tourism in the region presents the same opportunity that he first saw when he first arrived to grow potatoes.

At the time Francisco Dizon migrated to Mindanao, the area was underutilized by fruit growers. It was known as the "land of promise."

Dizon hopes, with the help of a thousand zeroes and his own zeal for risk-taking, he can find for a similar promise.



dzMM: Public service on and off air

By Charlie B. Reis

COMMUNICATION IS MORE THAN JUST EXCHANGING words and ideas. Media have become not only a means of imparting a message, but has proven to be an important factor in putting public service into action. This call to go beyond reporting has been a challenge taken on by dzMM as it lives up to its credo, "Una sa Balita, Una sa Public Service."

Celebrating its 15th year, dzMM, the flagship AM station of ABS-CBN, has consistently embarked on programs and projects to cater to the various needs of the public.

"On a daily basis, we have the very basic operational news reporting which is one form of public service, and even the commentators do that service. We have programs that give legal advice, entrepreneurial advice and 'Sir Mike'," says Peter Musngi, head of the Manila Radio Division of ABS-CBN, adding that public service is embedded in their minds in terms of programming.

Among the prime programs of dzMM are "Alerto Signalo Critical Patrol" which bridges government officials and the public; "Ongpong de Kampanilla" which dishes out legal advice on-air; "Radyo Negosyo" which gives listeners tips on micro production lines or entrepreneurship; "Kompasyon Alay," which provides the public proper information on calamities, rights and responsibilities and product quality and safety; "Silaw Boy" that suggests creative and effective methods to promote small businesses; and "Tsismis Trends" that provides people with information on current opinions and latest related issues.

"On Tuesdays, we have the MEDICA radio caravan and mobiles anytime. When you think about it, there are just simple things but are still a form of public service. In fact, even the 'Dr. Love Radio Show' helps the people with their problems concerning love, family and relationships," Musngi added with a smile.

Aside from these radio programs, dzMM also has a variety of public service projects.

With a country being tom on the route to any disaster, the station is well aware of the people's needs and their vulnerable abilities.

"Realizing it is no secret that when there is a disaster



Top, ABS-CBN Corporate Communications Head Cory Vidanes and dzMM Station Manager Vern Sotto pose with dzMM broadcasters Ryan Rems, Anthony Taberna, Peter Musngi, Ronnie Nathanielsz, Ted Failon and Ben Tulfo during dzMM's 15th anniversary.









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During the celebration of AMM's silver anniversary last year, a special Christmas activity was thrown for TLC's 25 scholars, their parents and families.

The families were taken to the Enchanted Kingdom where they enjoyed the theme park as well as free meals, games and lots of toys and gift packs from AMM

he, we respond right away," Lopez-Mayuga. "And the people of AMMCRS, including the seven sectors, voluntarily participate in our relief operations."

The "Kapamilya Rescue Van," for example, is a project which was created for the victims of tropical storm "Ondoy" who were unable to bathe for several days.

"As the victims were receiving the relief items inside, they were given shampoo, soap, towel, everything they needed. After bathing, you can just imagine the smile on their faces," Mayuga recalls.

A similar van was also brought to Cagayan de Oro for the victims of tropical storm "Sendong."

When it comes to health, AMM's outreach programs include "Dra. Bondi Vans for Life" that brings to the poor in their very own communities a resident doctor and "Magandang Gabi Dok" that discusses all kinds of health concerns.

Training then needs are available online. The station has various health-related projects including a Clinic-on-Wheels which offers free physical check-ups and medication to indigent patients.

The project is held twice a month together with Classroom-on-Wheels, both of which are components of the TLC (Teaching, Loving, Caring) civic project of AMM in partnership with St. Luke's Medical Center, Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), Henry Sicay, Unilever RM Foundation, Mang's Kitchen, La Salle, Philippine Orthopedic Center, Philippine Neurological Society and the Kalookan Philippine-Chinese Charity Clinic, among others.

Since its launch in November 2010, more than 10,000 individuals have benefited from the project.

Meanwhile, once a year, AMM holds the "Buena Congreso" where soon-to-be mothers are given tips on safe motherhood, child care, responsible parenthood and breastfeeding.

"We have emergency response and hospitalization. We are just very lucky that we have our government partners and donors who support us in our endeavors," Mayuga adds.

With public service initiatives all year round, the station also

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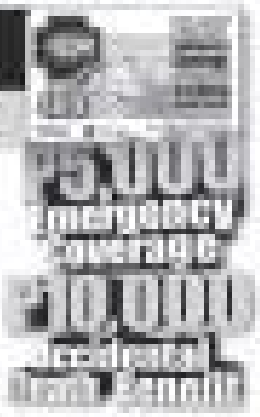
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For love and chocolate

By Ida Anita D. del Mundo

FROM THE LOOKS OF THE NONDESCRIPT building on a narrow, vehicle-packed street in Binondo, one would never imagine that premium artisan chocolates are made in this building. But, walk up the stairs to the fourth floor, turn a corner and – even from the corridor – you are immediately greeted by the aroma of chocolate and you know you are in the right place.

Nothing about Philo Ch...'s background would hint that he would turn out making fine artisan chocolates under the brand name Theo and Philo. In fact, he continues, "My favorite ice cream flavor when I was a kid was strawberry."

Graduating from Ateneo de Manila University with a degree in Computer Science, Philo went on to pursue a master's degree in Entertainment Technology in the US and worked in the IT industry for a time.

It was when he was studying in Pittsburgh that his interest in chocolates began. "I learned here in cook, then I started baking a lot with chocolate," he shares.

A trip also ignited in his area that sold single origin chocolates. "Single origin chocolates are those whose beans come from just one source," Philo explains. These special chocolates have distinct tastes, depending on where the beans originate. This had become all the rage, he says, causing the trend to evolve and more heritage beans delivered regions.

Becoming a regular at the store, Philo noticed that cacao came from places like Ecuador and Madagascar – all tropical countries. "It's interesting and ironic that the best chocolates are European – like Swiss and French – but they never grow their own cacao."

Realizing that there are also cacao farmers in the Philippines, and seeing that there were no single origin chocolates available from the country, Philo decided, "This could be a niche market that I could get into."

Reading an article about an entrepreneur who started a chocolate business on his own without any background in the industry was what made Philo believe that he, too, could become successful in this new enterprise. Thus, in 2007, Theo and Philo Artisan Chocolates was born, and Philo himself admits that at the time, "It was still a half-baked idea."

With some basic knowledge on how to make chocolate which he learned on the Internet, Philo started to develop his product. It was very challenging, he says, especially because in the Philippines the most commonly known process to making tempered chocolates, which use vegetable fat instead of cocoa butter,

[illegible] all ingredients used by Philo and Theo products are sourced from the Philippines, except for a few that are unavailable in the country. The cacao beans are from Davao.

"Philippine cacao has a stronger flavor," Philo says. "Cacao from other countries is more fruity... Philippine cacao is very robust and earthy."

Theo and Philo's first two products – milk chocolate and 70 percent dark chocolate – were launched in 2010 and were met with good reviews. "Finally we have our own chocolate," was one of the positive

remarks from those who tried it.

"The feedback was encouraging, but we only had two products," Philo adds.

Thinking of ways to expand the business, Philo considered targeting premium bakers. But since he could only produce small batches at a time, he would not be able to meet their demand at what a competitive price compared to imported baking chocolate available on the market.

Philo then thought of making chocolate candies, but a friend approached him with an idea – flavored chocolate. "This was something I was also planning, but not like us," says Philo. With his friend's urging, however, the idea of flavored chocolates was pushed to the forefront.

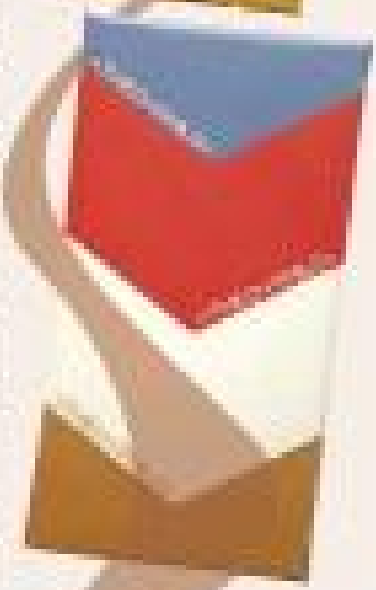
The idea took off and now Theo and Philo has a growing list of its unique flavors. Most of them are a take on classic combinations, with a Filipino twist.

There's the traditional cheese-chocolate pairing made unique with calamansi. Philo's personal favorite, the Mocaccino bar chocolate with chili, a flavor that is becoming quite popular to-











Philo Chua brings a Filipino twist to classic combinations with Theo and Philo Artisan Chocolates.
Photos by JOEL NAMIT ARCENAL

day, is given a Filipino makeover as dark chocolate with silog (eggs, sinangag and tocino).

The Theo and Philo version is a crunch bar coated with pili and crispy. Their original bestseller was the house chocolate which has a strong coffee flavor and an interesting texture, with actual ground coffee beans mixed into the chocolate.

The newest bestseller, however, is perhaps the most Filipino of all. Theo and Philo dares us to even more interesting: dark chocolate with green mango and salt. The bittersweet chocolate – surprisingly – goes perfectly with the sour bite of green mango bits, balanced off by a little kick of salt.

"There's no in between for this one," says Philo. "You either love it or you hate it." With more and more people developing a taste for the adventurous, the flavor has become a big seller.

"Ever since I started with these, people have been inviting me or approaching me with crazier ideas for new flavors," says Philo.

Coming up with flavors is still a bit in mini experimental process, which Philo does himself.

Graphic design being one of his hobbies, he also created the packaging for the chocolates on his own – a design detail that truly elevates the product to a level of elegance way above the normal chocolate bar.

"It is both encouraging and rewarding to see [my] creations," says Philo. He still considers himself very new to the industry and is just starting to scale up the business to meet growing consumer demands. Aside from adding new flavors to the line, Philo hopes to set up a small store of his own.

Meantime, chocoholics can find Theo and Philo products at the Kitchenette in Rockwell, Tesoro Manila in the Power Plant Mall in Rockwell, and Human Nature stores, among other outlets.

Another important plan in the works for Theo and Philo is a tie-up with Cereal Killings, which will potentially create sustainable livelihood for cacao farmers and help support the community.

"It was serendipity," Philo says of his foray into the chocolate industry and his success in capturing taste buds with the now popular flavored chocolates.

Pondering on the reason why people love chocolate so much, Philo muses, "There is really a mystery and romance behind chocolate."

Quoting the popular line from Forrest Gump, he adds, "You never know what you're gonna get!"

Further, he explains, the name Theo and Philo – while obviously referring to his own name, and is a little nod to whoever who had to take Philo and Theo subjects – was also chosen because philo means love and theo is short for theobroma, another name for chocolate.

Playing off of the excitement and mystique of the "food for the gods," Theo and Philo really does offer us Love and Chocolate.

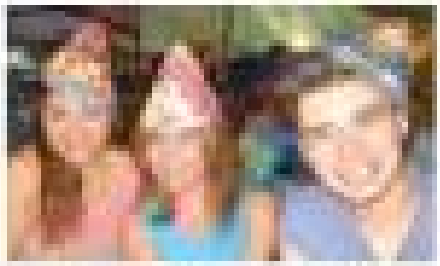
Toddlers and Tiaras

By Kaisy Buenaventura

It's not only Hallmark who celebrated last month. The Young and the Restless marked three birthdays and cracked open the champagne for everybody to enjoy! Parallel to the excitement, Gil Mikaiel Alcasid's 10th birthday extravaganza involved several costume changes for the celebrant, a costume change for all the friends and even a dating game with hot young bachelors, Marlo Mortel, as one of the candidates, right called "Kampay," everything was in reverse as the ballroom of Radisson Blu Hotel transformed into the girl's dream come true. I can only imagine what a joy ride when she turns sixteen!

One Benjamin who is in no rush to grow up is Patch Carnegie-Channeling Benjamin Button, he recently threw his second little birthday at St. James Carnival. It was centrally named at Patch to bring to golden the kids and the kids at heart to no other than and cool vinyl. For lasting memories, everyone loaded up on their childhood favorites like corndogs, cotton candy and candy on sticks while sipping on champagne. After performances by the San Diego dancers and carnival-themed games, everyone enjoyed the rides in Patch Land's content.

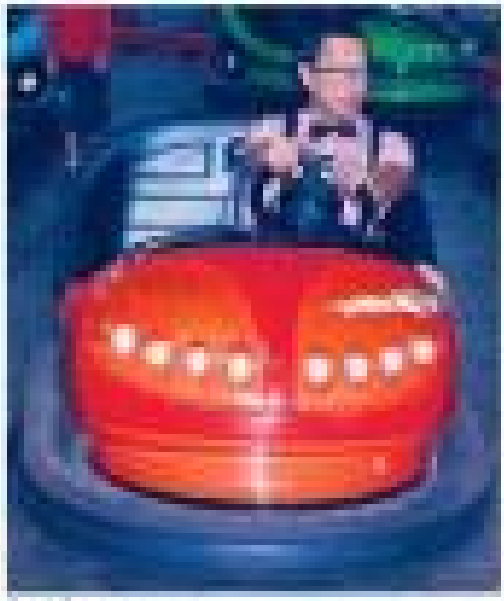
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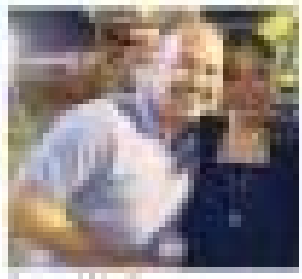
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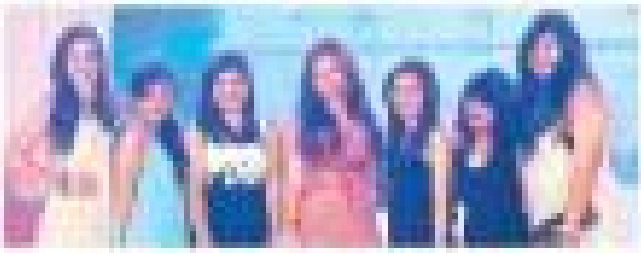
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Gil Mikaiel Alcasid celebrates with his friends and family



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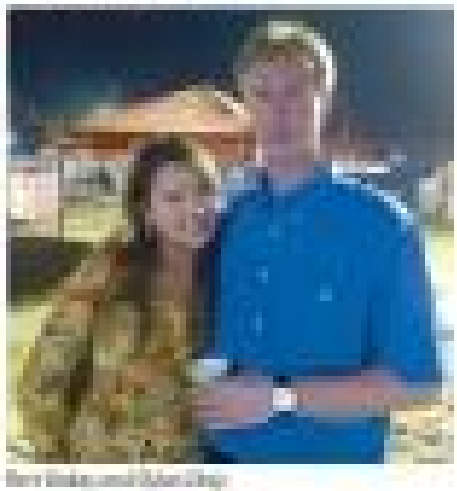




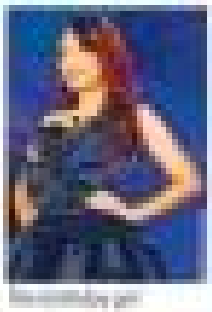
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The birthday girl



Gil Mikaiel's birthday is filled with the best of her friends



Lydia D. Castillo

In My Business

Filipinos cook a lot of our daily fare using tomatoes, most especially when we do our ginisa dishes.

Luscious red tomatoes

Thankfully, beautiful tomatoes are in season and the markets are full of them. If one goes to the right outlet, a good deal awaits. We found luscious red tomatoes at a buy 1 take 1 promo at P50 a kilo. Great!

It might interest our readers to know that tomatoes were initially thought to be poisonous in Spain where the first plants were brought from Mexico. Others, such as the French, considered it as an aphrodisiac, calling it pomme d'amour. The US is responsible for giving it an "impression," so to speak, classifying it as vegetable for trade purposes in 1893. Then farmers started raising a lot of varieties, from beefsteak to cherry tomatoes.

Filipinos cook a lot of our daily fare using tomatoes, most especially when we do our ginisa dishes. Be it with seafood, meat or vegetables, there are a lot of dishes where tomatoes give extra flavor and texture.

Recently, we did a pasta dish with lots of them, blending them with garlic, pesto and black olives, cooked in olive oil. Tasty and lively apt for no-meat days. Using fresh tomatoes instead of canned (whole, paste or sauce) is always a good alternative.

Pasta will taste more flavorful with them. In salads, how lovely are the bowls of greens with the contrast of red tomato wedges. As a side dish to fried fish, we normally would mix tomatoes and onions with vinegar, salt, egg, pepper and bagoong. This Lagana salad enhances the flavor of the seafood.

They can also be made into omelets and tasty starters [illegible] cups. Slice them crosswise, scoop the seeds out and fill each with either tuna or chicken salad.

More notes on tomatoes: If you want to store them, it is best to get a combination of the ripe and near ripe (still green) tomatoes. The latter is best kept out of the refrigerator. You will see them turn red in a few days. Get the firm, unblemished ones.

Try to experiment by drying some to make sun-dried tomatoes. Then, immerse them in olive oil to intensify their essential flavor. This is ideal for making dips.

Try to create your own tomato offerings. Take advantage of the bounty. They are healthy and refreshing.

Structural defects in the Pacific building in Makati inevitably forced Le Bistro Vert to close. Thus, their regulars have missed the innovative meals they serve. But they will be happy to know that they can still have this type of food at Bukalinen in Bonifacio Global City. They can also have a look see of the various items on sale there, from health solutions and pin pins to native bags and coffee. Announcement of Le Bistro Vert's new location will be made in due course.

Speaking of coffee, the coffee advocate Chit has gathered a group of coffee "movers" to form the ASEAN Coffee Federation. With the aim of gaining world wide approval for the ASEAN products. Member organizations, aside from the Philippine Coffee Board Inc., are the Thai Barista Association, the Singapore Coffee Association, the Special Coffee Association of Indonesia, Cho Coffee and Lao Chamber of Commerce, whose representatives attended a recent meeting in Manila.

They have heavy competition from a duo of formidable coffee suppliers – Africa and Brazil – but the group is confident they would conquer a big slice of the market, considering the quality of the product they are selling, and their zeal and spirit of unity toward one common goal.

Incidentally, there is a new coffee product from Mindanao, the Sulu Royal coffee in two variants, civet and original.

The civet, of course is of the very expensive ripe beans that are fed to the civet cats. The system is supposed to take away, by the impact of the animal enzymes in its digestive tract, the bitterness of the coffee bean, which enriches its flavor.

The resulting coffee is smooth, rich, heavy and full-bodied with flavors of caramel and chocolate. Isn't that great? Eliminate your squeamish feeling about how this coffee is produced and try a cup.

Happy Sunday to all! Let's have coffee!

E-mail comments and questions to [illegible]@yahoo.com.ph

Public service...

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working hard to attain the highest rank in their class.

Public service, says Marasigan, is their way of giving back to the people who have been very supportive of their programs, as evident in the results of ratings surveys.

"The feeling is that they always vote for you, that is why you are always number one. They trust you – that is why they listen to you," Marasigan says.

Countless award-giving bodies including the Golden Dove, Catholic Mass Media Awards, UP Gandingan Awards, USTV Awards, PMAP (People Management Association of the Philippines), and the New York Radio Festival Awards have likewise recognized their noble efforts.

"The high ratings are votes of confidence. And we are humble enough to say that we are a work in progress. We always tell ourselves, what is it that we can do better every day. We set the bar higher," he said.

Marasigan, who was cited at the 2011 CEO Excel Awards (Communication Excellence in Organizations Awards) last year, stresses the importance of communication in the achievement of goals.

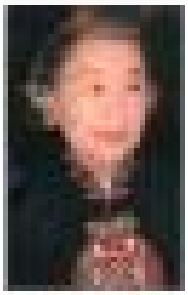


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"You know you can affect so many people in so many ways. That's a huge responsibility. But we're up for the challenge," he says as DZMM continues to deliver public service beyond reporting.

"We want DZMM to retain the trust and confidence of the people. So we will remain truthful, balanced, entertaining and of course, a kapamilya."





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Table Talk

Ching Concerto in World Premiere



Above photo: World premiere of Jeffrey Ching's "Concerto da Camera" at Theater Erfurt, Germany, 19-20 January 2012. From left: guitarist Rinaldo Ferro, solo cellist Matheus de Oliveira Pinto, conductor Walter E. Regenbogen of the Erfurt Philharmonic, composer Jeffrey Ching and his wife, soprano Andrea Fernandez

The Concerto da Camera by Jeffrey Ching, our country's best-known classical composer abroad, had its triumphant world premiere January 19-20 at Germany's Erfurt Theater.

The Concerto was composed as a "quintuple concerto" for its original inspirations consisting of five soloists/duo: German guitarist Rinaldo Ferro (at Lausanne with pianist Igiba Masuadi (though the concerto has no piano part), Brazilian cellist Matheus de Oliveira Pinto, Ching's half-Spanish wife, soprano Andrea Fernandez and Ching's own Chinese parentage.

Critics highly praised the concerto for audience loudly applauded it.





Orchestral concertmaster pianist Raul Sunico (right) and violinist Ray Chen (far right) are soloists with Taipei Symphony Orchestra under Hubert Soudant conducting

Batangas Theater Draws Manilans

Despite the two-hour ride in heavy traffic more and more Manilans like to the music performances at the Manuela G. Pastor Auditorium in Batangas City. The 2,000 seat theater was full at its most recent concert which featured the Taipei Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Hubert Soudant, with pianist Raul Sunico and violinist Ray Chen as soloists.

Manager Tony Pastor – pleased singer impresario – was grinning from ear to ear as he welcomed both Manilans and InDole Batangueños to the lovely auditorium.





Here Tony Pastor, Jenny Ciquera, violinist conductor Sergio Ouvillo and his wife.



Above photo: Taiwan pianist and Taiwan prize sculptor. Right: Conductor Hubert Soudant watching his baton over the Taipei Symphony Orchestra at the Manuela G. Pastor Auditorium in Batangas City.



SUNDAY to SUNDAY

AROUND TOWN IN EIGHT DAYS — **MARCH 11 TO 18, 2012**

MUSIC

CONCERT AT THE PARK
March 11 Filipino-Chinese Friendship Concert. March 16 Grupo Sol Antonio Rivera at 5 pm. Free admission. Rizal Park, Luneta, Manila

PACO PARK PRESENTS
Pianist Ann Marie Calilung on March 16, 6 pm. Free admission. Iglesia Monumento, Manila

KINA GRANNIS WORLD TOUR
March 15, 8 pm at the Mercedes Theater (Mega Center, Pasig). P 800.0000

BACK WITH BRIAN MCKNIGHT
March 16, 8 pm at the Smart Araneta Coliseum (Araneta Center, Cubao, QC). P 911.5555

PPO CONCERT SERIES
The Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra with conductor Olivier Ochanine on March 18, 4 pm at the CCP Tanghalang Nicanor Abelardo (Roxas Blvd.). Guest is soprano Rachelle Gerodias. P 832.1125

4 DA BEST
Polarking, Park, 6 Degree and Chinoiserie on March 16-17, 6:30 pm at the Music Museum (Greenhills, San Juan). P 801.8989

CYNDI LAUPER LIVE IN MANILA
March 17, 8 pm at the Smart Araneta Coliseum (Araneta Center, Cubao, QC). P 911.5555

LOVING IN THE '70S
Ding Mercado, Eugene Villaluz, Pat Castillo and Jenja Magpio on March 17, 6:30 pm at Teatrino Promenade (Greenhills, San Juan). P 891.8989

THE LEGENDS AND THE CLASSICS
Lea Salonga, Cecile Licad and Lou Monjo on March 17, 8 pm and March 18, 6 pm at the CCP Tanghalang Nicanor Abelardo (Roxas Blvd.). P 891.0669

THEATER

JEKYLL & HYDE
Repertory Philippines presents a tale of love, redemption and the restorative power of civil adaptation from Robert Louis Stevenson's 1886 novella, with music by Frank Wildhorn and book and lyrics by Leslie Bricusse. Directed by Mercedes Tuto-Sparing Michael Williams and Jeh Penigan. March 16 to April 15, shows at 8 pm (7:30 pm) and 2:30 pm (3:45 pm) at Onstage (Greenhills, San Juan). P 911.0626

FILM

FRENCH FILM CYCLE AT THE PARK
March 11: *The Grand Art* (opens Mozart). *Housekeeping*. March 18: *Two Brothers*. March 24: *Ally and My Sister*. March 25: *Princess of the Sun*. March 31: *The Girl From Paris*. Screenings at 7 pm at the Concert at the Park Auditorium (Rizal Park, Ermita). Free admission

UPPI FILM CENTER MARCH EVENTS
Cine Adarna: *Three Different Day* on March 15-16; Pelikula Experience on March 16-20 (opening by Ireland's Jillian Vanderpeer). Back to Classics featuring *Bonsoir Dubai* by Celso Ad Castillo on March 14. *Untitled* screens every Friday by Lance Reddick, Michael Haneke, Teddy Haynes, Warner Herzog, Alfred Hitchcock, Hou Hsiao Hsien, John Hughes and Mickey Rourke's. *Andy Warhol's Film Factory of the Philippines* every Saturday. Film Talk with Vincent Moon on March 12. Italian Cinema New Textures: *The Dilemma of Saint Petersburg* by Gustavo Mondello on March 13. Spotlight on Jocelyn Marie Solomon Corpuz and Lore Reboredo on March 15. *Tribute to Electra* on March 15, 21, 22. Generation Jazz Video supplements from Mesquite and Andrews on March 15 (Ground Behind Gallery). *Around All Together* (Equestrian) until March 12. *Hazel Asleep* on March 16 to 18. (UP Diliman, QC). P 928.3703

VISUAL ARTS

MUSEUM OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE
Unknown Islands: The Wonder Species Collection. 18 traditional Mindanao masks used in ceremony and ritual dances in Mexico are on display until March 31. Museum of the Filipino People, National Museum, Manila). P 527.1215

CCP MUSEO NG SINING
On the Trail Blazed by the Pioneers. Timeless works of the UST's pioneers or masters put together with the contemporary works of the next generation of "masters" until March 31. *Five Lines: Shades & Colors*. The art of Tony Delvo-ajo until April 7. 2330 Bldg., CCP Complex, Roxas Blvd., Pasay). P 800.0300

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF MANILA
Old City in the City: Pasay Photo exhibit focusing on Pasay City by the storied photographers from the DLS-CSB-MO Photography program until March 31. *Born Innocuously*. Russian icons from the PCCC Collection and selections from the 18th to 19th century religious paintings. Until April 15. (BSP Complex, Roxas Blvd.). P 523.0273

CULTURAL CENTER OF THE PHIL
Roberto Chabet's *To be Continued* exhibit at various venues until Mar. 31. (Roxas Blvd.). P 832.1125

THE MUSEUM AT DLSU
Mixed Perspective: Art Explorations by Lasallian Educators. A component of the 9th DLSU Arts Congress in conjunction with the University's celebration of this year's Arts Month featuring works of faculty members and other academic personnel from DLS-Canlubang, DLS-College of Saint Benilde, DLS-Laguna, DLS-Santiago Zobel, and DLSU until May 4

BENCAB MUSEUM
Allure & Palpitation by Rachel Tagnipa at Gallery Indigo until April 15. *Unicorns* by Ito Montiglio at Print Gallery until April 17. (Km 4 Asin Road, Tuba, Baguio City)

UP VARGAS MUSEUM
Playing at Page-Eighty Roberto Rubies until April 27. Focuses on the conversations between the museum's visitors and the artist's sculptures (UP Diliman, QC). P 981.8500

MAG-NET GALLERY
What Was I Thinking by Anthony Poggi until March 10. (Malapascua Arts, QC). P 928.3181

GALERIA DE LAS ISLAS
Kolektib by Arch. Ruel Carlos until March 16. (Alpha R. Lacap, R. Morales, M. Solivio, L. Valenza, D. Ramos, P. Cera, M. Tan, M. Pineda, L. Ruanto, K. Pagalilan, J. Pineda, J. Cortes, A. Perez, R. Tuazon, V. Rebeta, R. Rangaran, J. Rotea, M. Elio, A. Geraldez, B. Nacalan, G. Antolin, R. Cuenco, M. Velasco, P. Semente, R. Alvaro and M. Blasondelo until March 16. Journalismo at Kulturang Filipino by the graduating Fine Arts students of Lyceum Rodriguez Institute of Science and Technology until March 24. Participating artists are C. Manrique, J. Sulon, P. Pura, R. Avenedor, M. Fredes, R. Hallowell and G. Dancy. Painting workshop to be

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ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S Spot the Changes



concluded by Rita Jan Cabrera, starts on April 12. Registration is ongoing. ITTI Dentistas III, Mandaluyong, Manila / 527-2113

LOST PROJECTS
Picture Assembly: A group show that explores photography and collage until March 18. 1154 Maj. Dolar St., Industrial Valley, Marikina

NOW GALLERY
The Shedding Hearts (Gail Jael Esmeralda, Jo Mirasolagar, Lara Delos Reyes, Ana Reyes, Ai Cruz, RM De Leon and Pardo De Leon) until March 28. Ecoplaza Bldg., 2065 C. Raxas Ave., Makati / 555-0893

SHADOWLANDS
Photo exhibit highlighting the human cost of Fukushima nuclear disaster by Robert Knoth and Antonietta de Jong at the Quezon City Hall Open Lobby (Elliptical Road), QC) until March 30.

ART IN HOUSE AT THE PICASSO
The Three Point Perspective by Devin Leydenaro until March 31. 1116 E. P. Lacuna Street, Salcedo Vill., Makati / 0917.8733480

ALLIANCE FRANCAISE DE MANILA
Support the World by Geanware Dorana from March 14 to April 3 at the Tutar Gallery (208 N. Garcia St., Makati) / 981.7545

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MANILA HOTEL
The hotel is offering one complimentary buffet at Cafe Isang Isang when graduates dine in groups of four and a 30 percent discount at the Mandarin Palace and Champagne Room for all graduates dining in groups of five. Valid without identification or diploma must be presented. Bonifacio / 527-0011

MARRIOTT HOTEL MANILA
Marriott Cafe offers bigger bellies and heavier selections for Tuesday brunch prepared by Executive Chef Bala Balaraman. Essential choices from the classic home style pasta, barbeque station, seafood stations and a lot more. Pasay / 998-9999

MAKATI SHANGRI-LA
Singaporean dishes by Chef Robson Chua available at Circles Event Cafe until March 19 free glass shiraz by Chef Michael Petit, a free glass sparkler at Red Reef on March 12-15. Ayala Ave., Makati / 813.8088

MANDARIN ORIENTAL
Tastes of Thailand: Gastronomic journey to the Land of Smiles on March 12 to 31 via the cuisine of a renowned Thai master chef from Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok – and offers diners a chance to win a holiday trip for two to Bangkok. Available at Pacific Cafe's lunch and dinner buffets. Cooking class on March 17, 9 am with Chef Kanet. (Makati) / 750.8888

EDSA SHANGRI-LA
Celebrate your academic milestones and savor a diverse spread of international culinary specialties at Heat, enjoy best-in-class Japanese cuisine specially prepared by Chef Kondo Ogawa at Sanpo, Cilantro tell-tales of fresh and colorful ingredients cooked in a traditional manner at Harvest Palace (graduation fete of classic Italian flavors), served family-style at Pepenero. All available from March 17 to 31 for lunch and dinner. (Ortigas, Mandaluyong) / 633.8888

DISCOVERY SUITES
Pandesal 5 showcases international flavors, available selection from China, Italy, Japan, Spain, Thailand and Korea on Mon to Thurs. Filipino specialties on Fri and Sat, mixed grilled items on Sun. (Ortigas Center, Pasig) / 770.8900

INTERCONTINENTAL MANILA
New Lunch Specials at Prince Albert: Filet of red snapper with grilled artichoke hearts, olives, roasted cherry tomatoes, caramelized shallots and lemon infused olive oil; herb crusted Cavendish breast of chicken on tuna tuna risotto with asparagus spears and roast pimento cream, beef, leek and potatoes roulade with fennel ragout and gratinated potatoes; spiced lamb steak with grilled pita bread, hummus and tzatziki, and chocolate chip brownies with almond latte. (Ayala Ave., Makati) / 702.7888

THE BELLEVUE
Enjoy your weekends over a sizzling selection of satay skewer and steak at the Poolside every Fri and Sat. Choose from various tasty garlic shrimp, barbecue pork skewer to name a few. (Alabang) / 771.0181

TRADERS HOTEL
Tempura platter at Kinabo Restaurant for lunch and dinner until April 30. Enjoy plate after plate of delectable prawns, freshly caught fish and seasonal vegetables lightly battered and deep fried, served with the house tempura dipping sauces. Comes with miso soup, unlimited plain or garlic fried rice and endless cold or hot roasted barley tea. (Roxas Blvd.) / 150.4888

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PHIL TRADE TRAINING CENTER
March 13 Basic sewing and pleating and Effective BIR export selling workshop. March 14 Stress management. For all good housekeeping and events planning and management. March 15 to 16: Time and motion study and ISO 9001:2008 QMS and claim analysis and corrective action. March 16 Wealth management, finance and investment, food safety and food labeling (PTTC Bldg., Pasay Ave., Pasay) / 438.0942

BUSINESS SEMINARS
March 15: How to invest in the stock market. March 15 to 16: Supply chain management. March 16 Property rental business. March 17 How to start and manage a restaurant. March 17: Effective control and auditing. March 17: Basic supervisory skills training. / 727.7839 or basicsuccessfactors@gmail.com

BUSINESSMAKERS ACADEMY
How to design and deliver high-impact training programs on March 15-16, 8 am. (West Tower, Phil. Stock Exchange Bldg., Exchange Rd., Ortigas Center, Pasig) / 687-8845

FARMING, GARDENING & LIVESTOCK
Training and seminar on March 16-17 on Flory Garden (Villa Tarcia 2, Brgy. San Jose, Antipolo). Registration required. / 635.6962

BOF& DESIGN INSTITUTE
Fashion design boot camp for teens from March 26-April 27. Kids fashion camp on March 20-April 19. Designing and constructing your own clothes on March 17-April 21. Fashion illustration for beginners on March 19-April 30. Basic makeup on May 5-May 26. Advanced makeup on May 7-May 21. Fashion photography on April 21-May 26. / 415.4022 loc. 103 or admissions@boffashionarts.com

GRAMMARE PLUS
Master French grammar through games and activities from March 10 to May 26 (Fridays at 10 am) at Alliance Francaise de Manila (389 R. Garcia St., San Ad 2, Makati). / 890.7040

WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN
Creative writing classes and creativity workshop for ages 6-16 are set on April 9 at Window Trainer (103 Legaspi St., Legaspi Vill., Makati). / 815-4508 or childrenstories@yahoo.com

Spot the Changes

By Ana Guevarra
There are two things in drawing A that are different from drawing B. How many can you find?

